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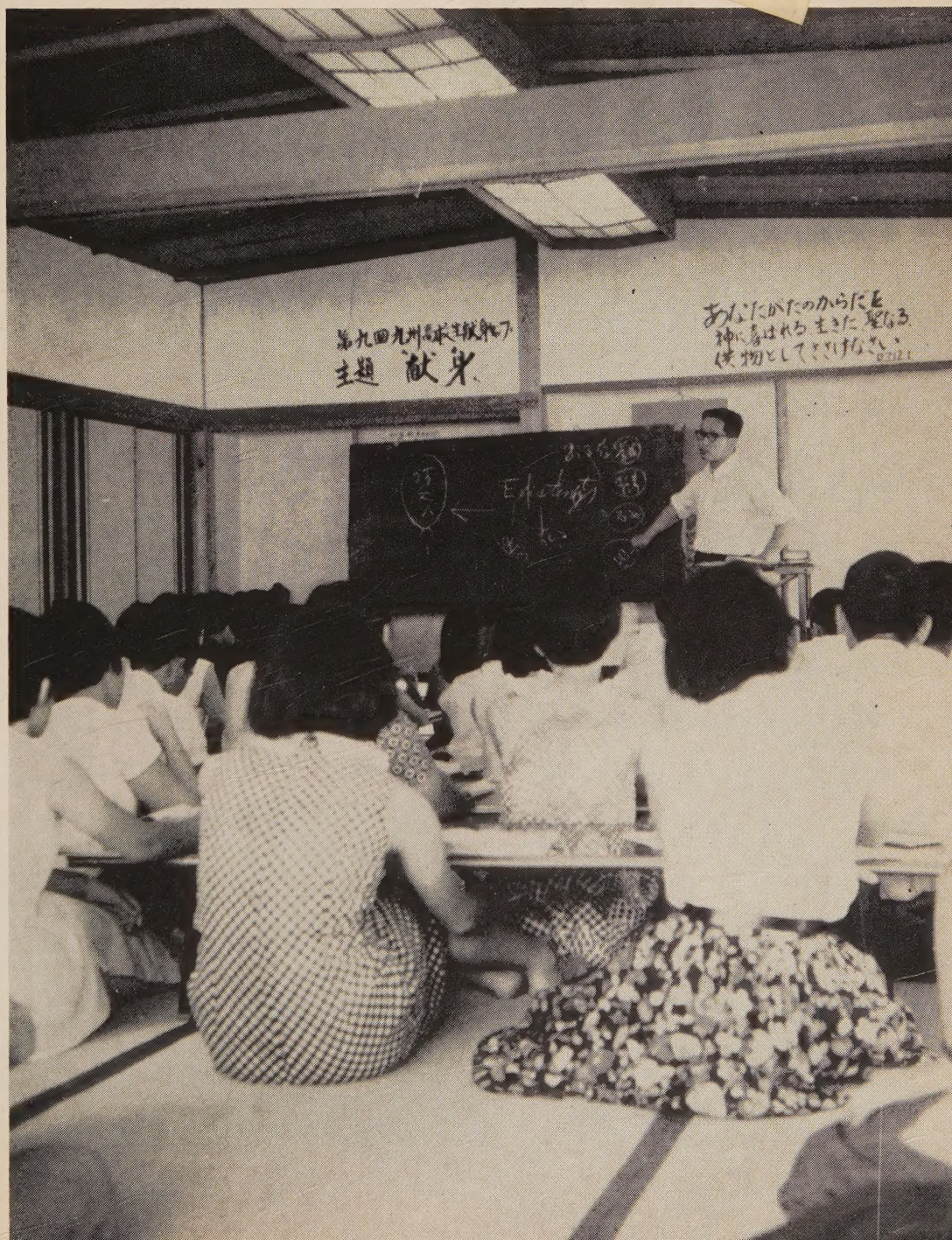


SUMMER CAMP ATTRACTS JAPANESE HIGH SCHOOLERS

From the Desk of.....

ARCH J. McQUILKIN

Dear Christian Endeavor Friend:

What a real pleasure it is to make this report to you about our beloved movement. How I wish I could talk with you face to face.

You should know that because of your interest, concern, prayers, and contributions, Christian Endeavor is very, very much in business and really on the march.

There are so many things that I want to say to you. Our number one purpose is to win young people to the Lord Jesus Christ and train them for service for Christ and the Church. You will be happy to know that we are doing this very thing. In convention after convention, conferences and camps, hundreds of young people are committing their lives to Christ and the Church. You are making this possible.

We have a very strong Christian Citizenship Witness. Great numbers of young people are participating in it and are contributing much to this kind of a program. You are making this possible.

Our materials are constantly being reviewed and updated and are being presented to youth groups. These youth groups are finding them challenging and helpful. You are making this possible.

Now, to be sure, there are many problems, There are so many things we would like to do. There is terrific need for field work in many, many states and areas. Our evangelistic program needs to be greatly strengthened. Materials should be printed in several languages. These are some of the things we are unable to do at this time, but I assure you that we will continue to ask the Lord to open hearts and doors and windows so that these things may be accomplished.

One more item—we are pleased to report that many denominations are quite happy with the accomplishments of Christian Endeavor and are cooperating in many, many ways.

I could go on and on as you can well imagine. May I take just another moment to thank you so very, very much for all that you have done and will continue to do for the movement which means so much to you. May the Lord bless you real good.

Sincerely,

Arch J. McQuilkin

President

October Opportunities

9-10 — Great Lakes Regional Conference, Winona Lake, Indiana
Contact: Mrs. Roger D. Vander Kolk, 1568 West Giles Road, Muskegon, Michigan 49445

9-11 — Ontario Convention, Toronto
Contact: Florence Zimmerman, 231 High Street, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada

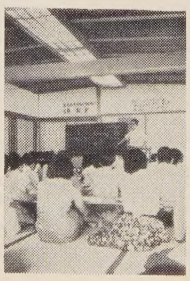
15-17 — Southern Regional Conference, Montreat, North Carolina
Contact: Mrs. Grady Self, 1035 44th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35208

16-17 — Colorado Fall Conference, Camp La Foret
Contact: Ellen L. Heacock, 1235 South Patton Court, Denver, Colorado 80219

Pray for these Christian Endeavor activities!

COVER CLUES

Rev. T. Yamada (at the chalkboard) was the key preacher for the 9th Kyusyu High School Students Dedication Camp this July. This is one of several camps sponsored by the Japan Union, with emphasis on life dedication.



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DALLAS — a musical convention!

TOP — Convention delegates join in song; SECOND FROM TOP, LEFT — Divine Saviour Presbyterian Church Choir; SECOND FROM TOP, RIGHT — Rosemont Christian Church Choir; THIRD FROM TOP — Tyler Street Methodist Church Handbell Choir; FOURTH FROM TOP — Hawaiian delegates; BOTTOM — convention hymn sing.

Photos by M. Carl Henderson III

The International Convention in Dallas this July will be remembered for its outstanding musical features.

Excellent congregational singing, at times sounding like a great choir, was directed by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, assisted by the talented team of Robert C. Ross at the organ and Al Day at the piano. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS was the convention hymnal.

Excellent Dallas choirs sang at the evening sessions. The large Westminster Youth Choir of Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church participated in Tuesday's opening session. This well-trained high-school-age group thrilled the delegates with its presentation of the *Hallelujah Chorus.* It was a new experience for many of the delegates to hear three anthems in Spanish Wednesday night, sung by the choir of Divine Saviour Presbyterian Church. Another youth choir, with both junior and senior highs, was the Rosemont Christian Church Choir which sang Thursday. Friday the Handbell Choir of Tyler Street Methodist Church rang out the Gospel message. At Saturday's closing session the youth choir of Smith Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church sang.

Instrumental music at evening sessions included a marimba duet by Mrs. Elmer Geiger and her son Lyle from Pennsylvania and a piano and organ duet by Pamela Tressimer and Marcia Tresenriter, a trumpet solo by Johnny Mitchell, and a flute solo by Mary Jo Moore, all from Texas.

Adding a special flavor was music presented by the delegates from Hawaii, from Mexico, from Guatemala, and from Canada, to say nothing of a number of impromptu groups which entertained wherever delegates gathered. Endeavorers also enjoyed the Thursday night hymn sing at Ferris Plaza.

All in all, the music at Dallas was outstanding!

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON PONAPE?

Report by Rev. Robert E. Simon, Missionary Advisor, who is serving the Church of Ponape, Caroline Islands, under the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Christian Endeavor on the islands of Ponape (Caroline Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands) continues to be a vital and growing force in the life of the church. Introduced to the Ponapeans over fifty years ago during a German administration of the islands, Christian Endeavor has developed in its own way which is unique to worldwide Christian Endeavor.

The present Christian Endeavor is a strong influence among adults and young married couples of the Protestant community. By demanding high standards of the members, it sets an example of Christian living to those outside of the group. The 18 congregations of Ponape count about 3,000 members of Christian Endeavor. This is significant in a total population of 18,000 (about equally divided between Roman Catholic and Protestant).

For the older people, the organization of Christian Endeavor for young people is a strange thing. The older societies operate with no committees, strict discipline of members, a set pattern of worship and meetings, and two sets of officers for each society (one for men and one for women). With younger groups being organized similar to the worldwide pattern, it will take many meetings and much patience to coordinate all levels into a strong cooperative organization with continuity.

The growing edge of Christian Endeavor on Ponape may be the new effort which is being undertaken to bring Christian Endeavor down to the youth level. Young people on Ponape have had no real organization in the past (and probably felt no need for it in their simple culture). Now the rush into 20th Century civilization (Western culture) has brought young people into the world of decisions and competition, material pleasures and problems. The church is now awakening to the fact that it has a responsibility to help the young people meet the new ideas with Christian answers—or at least Christian guidance. But how???

The church is pinning its hopes on Christian Endeavor. Into the vacuum of youth activities a plan is emerging to introduce Junior High, Senior High, and Young People's societies into our 18 congregations—a total of 54 new groups! It may be visionary to hope that 2,000 voung people could be attracted to this program, but we move forward with faith.

Along with the many changes coming to the islands is a new awareness of the "outside world." In Christian Endeavor our people now look forward to new contacts, helps, and sharing with Endeavorers around the world.

As our few trained leaders launch out on this new phase of the work on Ponape, the prayers of Christian Endeavorers everywhere are needed. The task looks impossible to the Church of Ponape, but the possible rewards in saved young people and Christian witnesses compel us to push ahead because there is only one WAY in which we can go.

Check the Facts

About the 1966 Citizenship Awards Program

FOR INDIVIDUALS

WHO'S ELIGIBLE	All youth in the United States and Canada who have not reached their 25th birthday by February 15, 1966.
DATES	Entries must be developed, written, or released after May 31, 1965, and must be used as a Christian witness in the community by February 15, 1966. Deadline for entries is February 15.
WHAT TO ENTER	Articles, editorials, talks, posters, black and white photographs, or cartoons.
BASIS OF AWARDS	Each entry will be evaluated on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used, the manner in which it implements the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and Christian witness to the community.
AWARDS	First—$150 in cash Second—$100 in cash Third—$75 in cash Fourth—$50 in cash Four runner-up awards of $25 Award plaques to the top eight winners Honor certificates to all other qualified entrants

FOR SOCIETIES

WHO'S ELIGIBLE	All Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups or combinations of Christian Endeavor societies or youth groups within a local church in the United States and Canada. Majority of members of participating societies must be under 25 years of age.
DATES	Activity must be commenced after May 31, 1965, and completed by February 15, 1966. Deadline for entries is February 15.
WHAT TO ENTER	Christian citizenship activity sponsored by the society or youth group.
BASIS OF AWARDS	Each activity will be evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which it implements the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and Christian witness to the community.
AWARDS	First—$200 in cash Second—$125 in cash Third—$100 in cash Fourth—$75 in cash Four runner-up awards of $25 Award plaques to the top eight winners Honor certificates to all other qualified entrants

HONOR SOCIETIES

Since the last list was published of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the Membership Mobilization, others have participated in the 1965 Society Roll Call. Those listed below contributed during June, July, and August. A red seal represents a gift of $30; a blue seal, $15.

Red Seal

Williston Church, Portland, Maine

Blue Seal

Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Chicago Heights, Illinois

Young People's, Crestview United Brethren Church, Lafayette, Indiana

Adult, United Brethren in Christ Church, Adrian, Michigan

Senior, Ottawa Reformed Church, West Olive, Michigan

First Presbyterian Church, Ocean City, New Jersey

Junior, Second Reformed Church, Somerville, New Jersey

Lehigh County Junior Union, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Senior-Intermediate, Bridesburg Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Harris County Union, Houston, Texas

NEWS AND VIEWS

• IRISH MISSIONARIES Paul and Audrey Kingston report from Nigeria: "Christian Endeavor has also flourished. Four new societies have been formed, bringing the total up to 25. In February we had our first circuit C.E. Rally when 144 members met together. The result of this was that we carried out a great campaign, throughout the whole circuit, during Easter Week. The title chosen for this campaign was 'New Life for All' and its aim was to tell all the people in Igedde that they could have a new life in Christ. Our chairman, Rev. T. A. Johnston, was able to bring us several dozen C.E. badges on his return from furlough, and the members are using these to good effect as another means of evangelism."

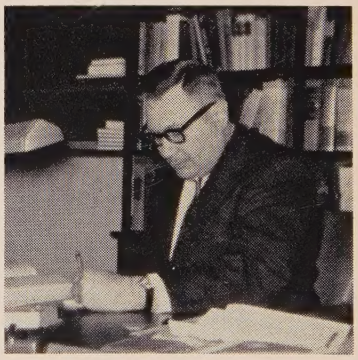
• COME TO THE FAIR and see Christian Endeavor on display—this was true at the California State Fair and Exposition in Sacramento where the state union sponsored a booth and at the Tennessee-North Carolina Fair where Endeavorers of Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee, planned a special exhibit.

• LEHIGH VALLEY (Pennsylvania) Union held its annual graduation party in June at the YM-YWCA in Allentown. Speaker was Rev. Jack Rothenberger, chaplain of Perkiomen School in Pennsburg, with Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president, as toastmaster. Kathy Parks, a 1965 graduate of Kutztown State College, was selected as queen and crowned by last year's queen, Carol Hawk. Following a banquet the young people enjoyed recreation in the gym and swimming pool.

OUTDOOR POSTER TIME is fast approaching. Unions are seeking gifts to cover the cost of the outdoor posters themselves and are contacting poster companies for space. This unique highway evangelism program is an excellent public relations opportunity. Posters will appear in January and February in connection with Christian Endeavor Week. The colorful posters will attract favorable attention. To find out how you can participate, contact union leaders or write to the International Society.

YOUTH WORK COMMITTEE members meeting at Christian Endeavor Headquarters, Columbus, to select 1967 Junior High and Senior High-Young People's topics are (from left) Rev. Clair E. Beatty, Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk, Gordon McMordie, Elwood Dunn (chairman), Rev. Edgar L. Mack, Rev. C. Keith Nicholson, and Rev. Christian A. Tirre, educational secretary of the International Society. Other committee members are Rev. David Middleton and Rev. Nathan H. VanderWerf. The committee met for three days to select topics, Scriptures, and daily Bible readings and to prepare topic annotations.

• THE 85TH BIRTHDAY of the Christian Endeavor movement will be celebrated February 2, 1966, as part of Christian Endeavor Week January 30-February 6. Theme will be the current biennial theme, "Jesus Christ—the Way." For a Planbook of ideas, a suggested radio or television script, party plans, and many other helps, secure a 1966 Christian Endeavor Week Packet. They're available from Christian Endeavor Headquarters, Columbus, Ohio, for just 50c—even less in quantity lots. Every society and each union should make extensive plans now to properly mark the 85th birthday.



GENERAL SECRETARY of the Ohio Union is Rev. Charles F. Russell. Before assuming his new duties August 1, Mr. Russell was minister of Miles Avenue Church of Christ, Cleveland. He is a graduate of Transylvania College and the College of the Bible in Lexington, Kentucky, with A.B. and B.D. degrees, and has had pastorates in Kentucky and Ohio. A native Buckeye, he served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Russell and his wife Zera reside in Columbus.

• JAMAICAN ENDEAVORERS heard Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, World's Union president, speak at their convention August 16-18 at Kingston. Bishop Meadows gave major convention messages at evening sessions in Queen Street Baptist Church, attended by a peak crowd of 800. Day sessions were at Mico College. Rev. F. B. Cockbourne was elected president of this West Indies union.

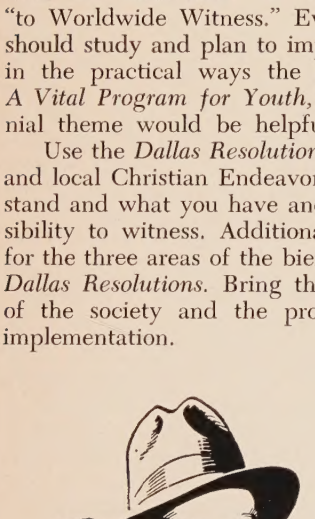
Ready - for - YOUth RESOURCES

Though the Dallas Convention officially closed following the benediction on Saturday night, July 10, 1965, the history of the influence of that convention is still being written by the lives of those who attended. The spiritual altitudes of the Dallas days can have a dynamic influence all across the continent and even around the world, if young people and Christian Endeavor societies will carry out the challenges given and the commitments made.

Last month's issue of *THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD* carried the resolutions passed at the 48th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Dallas, Texas, July, 1965. (See *Dallas Resolutions,* page 5.)

The resolutions were developed around the new biennial theme of Christian Endeavor — "Jesus Christ — the Way," with the subthemes: "to Salvation"; "to Abundant Life"; "to Worldwide Witness." Every Christian Endeavor society should study and plan to implement the new biennial theme in the practical ways the resolutions suggest. The folder *A Vital Program for Youth,** which outlines the new biennial theme would be helpful.

Use the *Dallas Resolutions* as a check list for your society and local Christian Endeavor union, showing you where you stand and what you have and have not done in your responsibility to witness. Additional projects are suggested below for the three areas of the biennial theme as they relate to the *Dallas Resolutions.* Bring these suggestions to the attention of the society and the proper committees for study and implementation.



Focus On Dallas Resolutions

By Rev. Christian A. Tirre

To Salvation

RESOLUTION CHALLENGES: Acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour before all men; pray for laborers, offering yourself; commit yourself anew to His will and way. (See Article 2, Paragraphs A, B, and C.)

PERTINENT PROJECTS: (1) Give youth opportunity to express their faith at society meetings; (2) Urge the society to have a monthly consecration meeting (secure copies of the folder *What Is the Consecration Meeting?**); (3) Use the Christian Endeavor pledge and plan at least one meeting a year on the meaning of the pledge (distribute copies of the folder *What Is the Christian Endeavor Pledge?**); (4) Request the missionary committee to report at least monthly on mission work and opportunities for service (distribute copies of the folder *What Is World Outreach?**); (5) Urge your church to sponsor an annual missionary conference or seminar, this may be a cooperative venture with other churches in the community.

To Abundant Life

RESOLUTION CHALLENGES: Trust Jesus Christ to make your life meaningful and useful in His service; resolve to be faithful in public and private worship and study; make your Lord's day a day of renewal; let God's Spirit so fill you that there is no room in your life for evil and dishonoring habits and amusements; know the joy of obedience to Him. (See Article 3, Paragraphs A, B, C, D, and E.)

PERTINENT PROJECTS: (1) Request the church activity committee to provide a monthly service list with jobs for youth to perform around the church and community; (2) Urge all society members to participate in the Sunday services and weekday activities of the church; (3) Provide practical helps for youth in studying the Bible with perhaps a special five minutes at each meeting given to one book of the Bible; (4) Stress participation in the Quiet Hour (distribute copies of the folder *What Is the Quiet Hour?**); (5) Sponsor a special project urging all in the community to include the worship of God in their Sunday; (6) Urge legislation that will keep the Lord's day a day of worship and rest; (7) Conduct a community-wide information campaign for youth on the evils of tobacco, alcohol, and narcotics; (8) Challenge society members to seek good, clean recreation; (9) Urge the social committee to provide well-planned social events that will even attract non-Christians.

To Worldwide Witness

RESOLUTION CHALLENGES: Make Jesus Christ known through every area of life—at home, in school, on the job, in the community; show Jesus Christ as the only hope against juvenile delinquency, Communism, and apathetic attitudes; promote the protection of human rights for all men; speak out against obscenity; win others to Christ; support the worldwide mission of the church; participate in the Christian Citizenship Witness and the Outdoor Poster Program of the International Society. (See Article 4, Paragraphs A and B.)

PERTINENT PROJECTS: (1) Relate good Christian citizenship to a Christian's witness (distribute copies of the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?**); (2) Make a special study of the evils of Communism, involve the community; (3) Plan a community-wide observance of *Know Your America Week;* (4) Seek ways to reduce juvenile delinquency in your community; (5) Provide opportunities for youth of different races to meet together in order to understand one another better; (6) Conduct a community campaign against obscene literature and films, seeking the cooperation of civic and fraternal groups; (7) Challenge your lookout committee to continually promote the winning of young people for Christ; (8) Make a special youth-to-youth evangelism effort annually (secure copies of the folder *How to Win Youth**); (9) Conduct a witness clinic showing youth how to win others; (10) Encourage society members to support the worldwide mission of the church (distribute copies of the folder *What Is the Tenth Legion?**); (11) Conduct a citizenship project and enter it in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program (write to the International Society for complete details); (12) Interest Christian groups and laymen in helping to sponsor Christian Endeavor outdoor posters as a means of highway evangelism (write to the International Society for complete details).

***Folders are available from the Publishing Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.**

Topics FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

This unit is presented in connection with the 1965-66 overseas missions theme being used by 28 denominations, "Mission: The Christian's Calling." A free folder describing Friendship Press materials is available upon request.

Topic 1 of a Unit:
Overseas Missions

"Go and Tell"

Isaiah 42:6-12

Topic Aims

1. To help Junior Highs see that every Christian is a missionary.

2. To inspire Junior Highs to be missionaries now, where they are.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *Near to the Heart of God*
Song Service: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations; Saved to Tell Others; Living for Jesus*
Prayer
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:6-12
Hymn: *I Need Jesus*
Sentence Prayers
Leader's Introduction
Portraits of Pioneers
Snapshots of Teen-age Missionaries
Questions for Discussion
Project Discussion
Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
Consecration Service
Consecration Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Offering
Friendship Circle and Mizpah Benediction

For Publicity

Make a poster showing youth superimposed on a map of the world or on a picture of your city or town. In large letters print *Go Ye*. List the time, place, and leader of the meeting.

Don't forget to use person-to-person invitations which still seem to be the most effective. Make up little cards to hand out with the letters *C U at C E*.

Leader's Introduction

The following description of missionary responsibility written many years ago by Amos R. Wells, a great leader and writer in the early history of the Christian Endeavor movement, should challenge us to the important responsibility that we all have in the mission of Jesus Christ.

"It was a Great Dismal Swamp. The ground was oozy underneath, and the matted trees shut out the sky from above. Through the tangled thickets crept poisonous things, and the only paths were beated down by savage beasts. Foul birds of prey found the woods full of carcasses. The air was heavy with miasmas, and a terrible silence was everywhere, except when it was broken by a scream that was worse than silence.

Men lived in this swamp—men and women and little children. Though one can hardly say they lived, so dreadful were their lives in their wretched hovels, surrounded with the terror of the jungle and cruel with all the wildness of the tigers and the cobras.

In this swamp there was born, one happy day, a little babe who grew up to be a carpenter. That was what people called him—the Carpenter—though he did work that no carpenter ever did before. For not only did he build noble homes in place of the filthy huts, but he taught the people how to make drains so that the ground became sweet and firm. How to quarry rock to lay upon this firm ground. How to cut roads through the jungle and let in the blessed sunlight and the clean, purifying air. How to build a city with splendid public edifices and merry, peaceful homes. How to raise the lofty cathedral in the midst of it all.

And then the Carpenter died; but as he died, almost with his last breath he said to the weeping men around him: 'Do not stop here. Go ye into all the swamp and redeem it. Go ye. Go.'

Then for a few years they obeyed the Carpenter's behest, and extended the borders of their pleasant city wonderfully. But before long they began to grow lazy, and quite too well satisfied with the fair domain already won. They built a high wall over which no tiger could leap. They soon forgot that there was a swamp beyond, and the Carpenter's last words passed entirely out of memory.

But the miasma was there, and often it crept over the wall and stole in swift desolation among the marble palaces. And the tigers were there, nor could these selfish folks quite close their ears to the screams of the tigers' victims. For still there were millions of people in the swamp, and still it extended for leagues beyond the city of the Carpenter—an ever-present threat and a silent accusation.

The story is a sad one, because it is true. God be praised that with every year it is growing less true! God be praised that he gives us young people some share in the draining of the swamp, in obeying the blessed Carpenter!

This is to be the motive of our missionary work—simple obedience. 'Go ye,' Christ has said; 'make disciples of all nations.' And it is our life to obey.

No other incentive is needed to make every Christian Endeavor society a missionary society. There is no need of the addition of our impelling motto. 'For Christ and the Church.' There is no need to urge that missionary work will increase the members' interest in the society, that it will brighten all the . . . meetings, stimulate the singing, vivify the testimony, make the prayers vital; that it will send us all with new zest to the Bible; that it will inculcate a liking for the best reading, make us more liberal in every direction, and greatly improve the discipline of the society by setting all its members to work; that it widens immensely the intelligence, putting us in touch with the most important of events, with the most essential history. All of this is true, and all of it adds to the argument for making our societies missionary societies. But it is all on too low a level for those that have taken our great pledge to do 'whatever He would have us do.'

Thy command is enough, Lord Jesus. Thy words are the way of joy, and we will follow therein. Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory."

—Amos R. Wells

Portraits of Pioneers

(Use the following biographical portrait of two New Testament pioneers of the faith to show motives these followers of Jesus had. Assign other Bible personalities as well as post-Bible and contemporary pioneers of the faith, developing portraits similar to the one presented here.)

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How Two Men Turned the World upside Down

(As Silas might tell the story)

My name is Silas, and I was chosen by Paul to go with him on his second missionary journey. I don't suppose my name would ever have been heard of if it had not been for my friendship with Paul and for his great missionary work in which I tried to help him.

We had had to bear a good many hard things on our journey, especially in Philippi, where they had beaten us and put us in prison for preaching about Jesus Christ, and we had had a long, hard journey from there to Thessalonica. This was a very important seaport, and there were many travelers passing through the city in every direction; so Paul thought it was just the place for us; for, if we could persuade the Thessalonians to become followers of Christ, they would pass on the story of Jesus and His love to many others.

The people of Thessalonica were mostly Jews and Greeks; and, though the Jews believed on God, they did not know Jesus, and the Greeks worshipped idols. For three Sundays we went to the Jewish synagogue, and Paul preached to them about Jesus, explaining the Old Testament prophecies about Him, and telling them how He had died for us, that we might be saved. The people listened with great interest, and a good many of the Greeks believed Paul's teachings, and gave up their idols for the living God. But many of the Jews were envious of Paul's influence, and would not listen to his teachings, or allow others to listen if they could help it; and they soon made a great tumult in the city.

One night a mob gathered in the streets, and tried to break into the house of Jason, who was our friend, that they might take Paul to kill him. But Jason found a way to get us quietly out of the city, and sent us with friends to Berea.

I suppose you never saw such an angry crowd of people as those who were in Jason's street that night. They broke into the house, shouting and howling, and dragged Jason and some of his friends before rulers of the city, and said, "These that have turned the world upside down have come here also." That was all they could think of to say against us, and their charge was really true, for that was just what we were trying to do. We were trying to turn the world upside down by putting down the evil and lifting up the good. The rulers were a good deal troubled and worried, but they could not find Paul; and there seemed to be nothing they could do but to bind Jason and his friends to keep the peace, and let them go.

They had driven us out of the city, but they could not drive out the effects of Paul's preaching, and we left many Christians there, though there was not one when we entered the city. If turning the world upside down means driving out the evil and bringing in the good, then we two unknown travelers had certainly turned a large part of that city upside down.

It was a great sorrow to Paul that he had to leave Thessalonica before he had finished his work there, and he longed to go back and explain to them the way of God more perfectly, but since he could not do that he wrote them a letter from Corinth some time later, making more clear to them some things that they had not understood.

In that letter he told them how glad he was that they had turned from idols "to serve the living and true God." He had heard three things about them that made him very happy, for he had heard of their "work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ"; and, when he thought of these things, he did not wonder that their example had been a help to Christians everywhere. "From you," he wrote, "has sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith in God has gone forth."

Questions for Discussion

1. Who is a missionary?
2. What would have happened to us if nobody had told us about Christ?
3. If we do not respond to the task that God wants us to do, does He get somebody else?
4. Is the work left undone if we do not do it?
5. What areas in our community need our help and concern?
6. Can you be a Christian and not be interested in missions?
7. Why is the concept of mission so important?

Snapshots of Teen-age Missionaries

1. Jane and Janis went to a party. Much to their surprise beer and other alcoholic beverages were offered to them. Neither of the girls had ever drunk them before. Jane didn't want to be called a queer so she took some, but Janis refused. Jane soon excused herself and went home. Which girl was the missionary?

2. Sue and Sally were shopping. Sue found $5.00 and decided to inquire at the store office. Sally said that she was silly because nobody would ever know the difference so she may as well keep the money. Sue said, "I would know the difference." She reported the $5.00 and was offered a job. Which girl was the missionary?

3. Ted and Jim were working some math questions. Ted knew that Jim was wrong but decided not to tell him so that he could make a higher mark than Jim. Later Jim noticed an error on Ted's part and showed it to him. Which boy was a missionary?

4. Helen and Imogene liked the same boy, Dwaine. He seemed to be paying more attention to Helen so Imogene began to spread some lies about Helen. Helen heard about it. After prayer Helen went to Imogene about the matter saying that she wanted to know who was being lied about because she wanted to have the matter cleared and straightened out. She also added that she wanted to forgive and have the proper feelings toward all. Which girl was the missionary?

Places Where Teen-agers Can Witness

1. Shut-ins

Did you ever have an illness that kept you inside the house for a month? If so, you have a little idea of what it is like not to be able to move about as others do. You certainly enjoyed visits from somebody from the out-side world, didn't you?

One person took some food to a lady who was confined to a wheel chair. You can also do something. You would enjoy seeing a crippled child eat an ice-cream cone as much as if you were eating it yourself.

2. Orphanages and Church Homes

These are the places that most groups choose to visit at Christmas. It would be unfortunate if nobody went at that time, but usually there is a rush during Christmas and then a lull afterwards. Too many parties at the same time can become tiresome. Plan something for another time of the year when these folks are often forgotten. Projects could include: Parties with refreshments and entertainment and Sunday worship services. Contact the superintendent with your suggestions.

3. Rescue Missions

In all institutional cases the management should be contacted first. Many go to rescue missions with services. Used clothing and salvagable furniture are often appreciated and needed.

4. Jails

Some young people's groups have gone to jails to sing and conduct services. We must look forward to helping these people instead of looking down upon them.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 1 "The Least of These" Matthew 25:34-40
T. Nov. 2 "Go and Tell" Matthew 28:19,20
W. Nov. 3 "Whosoever Needs Me" Luke 10:30-37
T. Nov. 4 "Other Sheep" John 10:14-16
F. Nov. 5 "For God So Loved" John 3:16
S. Nov. 6 The Good News Luke 4:18,19
Sun. Nov. 7—Topic: "Go and Tell" Isaiah 42:6-12

Comments by Erma L. Funk, Greencastle, Pennsylvania, an elementary schoolteacher and former missionary in Sierra Leone under the United Brethren in Christ Church

Topic 2 of a Unit: Overseas Missions

"To the Ends of the Earth"

Acts 1:8

For Publicity

Prepare a poster showing planes flying across the ocean. Under the picture state the time and place for the Christian Endeavor meeting. Pass out planes made out of construction paper upon which is written, *To the Ends of the Earth,* and the time and place of the meeting. Distribute these planes to teen-agers in Scouts, Sunday school, etc.

Create an Atmosphere

For added interest, urge members to come dressed in the costumes of various countries. If it is impossible for the entire society to do this, at least get the missionary committee members to come costumed.

Decorate the room like another part of the world. Borrowed curios could be used to add the foreign touch. Remember to be careful with anything that you borrow.

The social committee could plan some interesting yet inexpensive refreshments to be served following the meeting.

It may be advantageous to invite world travelers or service men to participate in the program, giving firsthand glimpses of life in other parts of the world. Don't forget to invite an exchange student, if one is living in the community.

With a little effort, songs and prayers from other countries could be used in the program.

Leader's Introduction

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever, I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19,20). This is Jesus' command to all who follow Him.

Last week we discussed the fact that all Christians are missionaries. Too often we give a little money and excuse ourselves as having done something. Shame on us!

A missionary program demands action. We need to pray but we must also put feet to our prayers.

Each one of us has his own task to do in spreading the Gospel.

A young Japanese theologian has put it this way: "For a long time we have been thinking of evangelism as taking a fish out of dirty water called the world, and placing it into a clean pool called the church. We have learned, however, that the Christian's responsibility is not only in the church but also in the dirty water."

Witnessing around the World

(Various young people may be assigned to present the following reports using a news cast format. You might even try these reports via "short wave radio" having the sound of static mingled in with the reports. Check with your minister for information on the church's missionaries and present reports on the work they are doing.)

1. Ethiopia—Philip, the apostle, was an evangelist and God asked him to leave the throng and go to the desert. Perhaps that doesn't make any sense to you, but anything that God asks is sensible. He sees the future and knows the need.

God told Philip to join the eunuch from Ethiopia. The eunuch's heart was open to learn the truth. Philip found him reading fom Isaiah. Philip got down to business, and before long the Ethiopian had accepted Christ as His personal Saviour and was baptized.

Now the Ethiopian had charge of Queen Candace's treasury. He had great authority and no doubt went back to his land and witnessed to many. So Philip never doubted God's call to the desert; he responded in faith.

2. Japan—There is a bookstore in Hiroshima, and some people connected with it go across the bay regularly to pass out the Word. In one afternoon 5,000 tracts were distributed to shoppers and tourists. Some people throw them away while others read them.

One boy had started to Sunday school because of the tract and finally became a believer along with his mother and sister. He still had his father to reach. So the family subscribed to a publication called, *Gospel for the Millions,* and left it around the house. The father read it and was eventually converted, too.

3. Nigeria, Africa — Eleven women were on an evangelistic tour. They came to a fork in the road and debated whether or not they should go off the beaten path to the cluster of seven huts. Excuses were given. Finally the third lady said, "We have come out to this village to witness. Why not make a good job of it and visit every home?"

They followed her advice and as they got near to the village their eyes caught sight of a middle-aged woman. She was crippled and had been carried to a rock. When she saw them, she cried out, "They have come, They have come! All of you come out and hear them sing."

The group sang gospel songs. Finally, a young man took his place by the side of his crippled mother and said that he had brought her out there that morning. He had made excuses saying that they would not travel such an obscure road, but she had insisted because she had heard that the followers of Jesus were coming that day.

Joy was written on the faces of the listeners and as the missionaries sang, *Faith without Works Is Dead.* The message was brought home to their own hearts. They were glad that they had gone to the seven hunts which were off the main road.

4. Sierra Leone, West Africa—Thomas Stevens had a vision for service among the Mende Tribe in Freetown. He got permission to be stationed there and to attend its institution of higher learning.

His heart was burdened for his own tribe, the Mendes, which numbered in the thousands. He tramped the streets and conducted services in open lots and on porches.

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Hymns: *Stand up, Stand up, for Jesus; Are Ye Able, Said the Master*
Scripture Reading: Acts 1:8
Prayer
Leader's Introduction
Witnessing around the World
Singing in Other Languages
Brain Teasers
Matching Quiz
Offering
Silent Prayer
Hymn: *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*
Mizpah Benediction

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Later he received some help and today there is a school, three or four churches, and just as many outposts among the Mende Tribe.

5. Hong Kong and Poklo, China—Chi Kana Kong lived in Poklo. He visited Hong Kong and was converted to Christianity.

The next year he took a friend who was also baptized. This continued for a number of years. When Dr. Chalmers went to the city, he found forty believers.

The defenders of the ancestral worship forbad Mr. Chi to preach so he wrote, "The Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the good news and be baptized," on his umbrella which he carried around for the rain on rainy days and for the sun or sunny days.

He was eventually killed, but today there is a church dedicated in his memory.

6. Philippines—The students and faculty of the Union Theological Seminary near Manila started a kindergarten.

Another outreach started earlier when a professor invited a Filipino doctor to a picnic. Now there is a clinic conducted every second week of the month during which the students pass out tracts, counsel, and lead a worship service.

7. Germany—Dietrich Bonhoffer died with other valiant and courageous men at dawn on April 9, 1945, in the Concentration Camp at Flossenburg near Nurnburg, as the thunder of American guns was heard in the distance. He was murdered by being shot in the nape of the neck. Dietrich Bonhoffer was a Christian pastor, a man af faith in Jesus Christ.

With the beginning of World War II, there grew in Germany the opposition to Hitler and the work of the counter revolutionaries. Bonhoffer joined them and was arrested on April 5, 1943. The charge against him was: Disintegration of the forces for defense. After the 1944 plot to kill Hitler, his connection with the conspirators became known; he knew that this meant death.

On the Sunday after Easter, April 8, the day before he was murdered, he held a service for his fellow prisoners and spoke to the hearts of all with the words, "And with His stripes we are healed." Comforted with the message of Good Friday and Easter, he went his last way. His last words to his fellow prisoners early on April 9, were, "This is the end —for me the beginning of life." One of the prisoners afterwards left this record about him: "He was one of the very few men I have ever met, to whom God was always intimately near."

8. Sierra Leone, West Africa—While the topic writer was living in the town of Bonthe on the Sherbro Island, a man called Pa Randall reminded her of the other villages on the island that were not having the Gospel preached to them.

The Lord told her to do something about it; so she took some girls with her and they conducted services.

But there was Gbepe that was farther away. So she planned the trip with Pastor Harvey and Olive Weaver. They rode part of the way on their bicycles, walked through the sand, and finally had a canoe ride.

Their hearts were overjoyed at the reception they received and the interest that was shown during the service. They promised to do something for these people and as a result these almost forgotten people have their own pastor today.

Brain Teasers

1. What does our topic title mean? Could other planets be included?
2. How can you as an individual fulfill this command to go to the ends of the earth?
3. What is your mission where you live? Where you play?
4. What does your faith have to say about decisions in school and at home?
5. What can this society do?
6. What will happen if you fail to do your part for Christ?
7. Is it possible to run ahead of God? Or do you lag behind?

Singing

It would make the meeting more interesting if some of the songs and choruses could be sung in another language. It is very simple particularly with a chorus like *Hallelu.*

The words "Hallelujah" and "Hallelu" are the same in other languages so all that you have to change are the words for Praise ye the Lord. Below are the words in Mende. Perhaps you can get words for Spanish, French, etc., from your school teacher.

In Mende the words for "Praise ye the Lord" are "Nde-moi Lato." (*Nde* is like the word, *day,* but is said with a nasal sound. *Moi* is as spelled and *Lato* is *La toe.)*

Matching Quiz

1. His heart was buried in Africa.
2. He was a famous doctor in Africa.
3. To whom King Agrippa said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."
4. He is a great linguist.
5. She helped to reach the Auca Indians.
6. He founded the Salvation Army.
7. He went West when God told him to go East.
8. She said, "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."
9. She said, "And if I perish, I perish."
10. He is a missionary doctor who recently gave his life for others in the Congo.

ANSWERS
(not arranged in order)

William Booth	Frank Laubach
Rachael Saint	David Livingstone
The Apostle Paul	Dr. Albert Schweitzer
Dr. Carlson	Queen Esther
Ruth	Jonah

Resource Material

What Is World Outreach? (available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor) 35c per dozen; $2.50 per hundred.

Focus: The Christian's Calling, Richard H. Rice, Friendship Press, $1.50. A series of large photographs (10" x 12") of laymen engaged in their occupations. The text points out some of the ways in which persons of various professions and businesses can express the sense of Christian mission through their daily work. Also included are "What do you do?" problems, discussion questions, and suggestions for use.

Called to Be . . . , Theodore A. Braun, Friendship Press, $1.00. The Christian is called to be . . . a servant, follower, lover, revolutionary, and reconciler. These widely varied aspects of the Christian's call are emphasized through lively news stories, articles, vignettes, poems, cartoons, scripture, prayers, and the author's perceptive comments.

Friendship Press books are available from denominational literature headquarters or Christian bookstores.

Suggested Projects

1. Prepare a tape to be sent to one of your mission schools in which English is spoken. Some members could sing and others could give testimonies. An added feature would be to send corresponding slides.

2. Correspond with a teen-ager or a Christian Endeavor Society in another country. Write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor for the names of contacts.

3. Plan to present an evening's entertainment for residents of a rest home.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 8 The Church Moves On
I Corinthians 3:6
T. Nov. 9 "Such as I Have" Acts 3:1-6
W. Nov. 10 For Refugees and Relief
I John 3:17,18
T. Nov. 11 Darkness Needs Light
Matthew 6:22,23
F. Nov. 12 The Light for Men John 1:4,5
S. Nov. 13 The Delight of Giving
Acts 20:33-35
Sun. Nov. 14—Topic: "To the Ends of the Earth"
Acts 1:8

Comments by Erma L. Funk, Greencastle, Pennsylvania, an elementary schoolteacher and former missionary in Sierra Leone under the United Brethren in Christ Church

Thanksgiving—An Attitude

(Thanksgiving Sunday)

Ephesians 5:20

For the Counselor

You will want to work with your leader to help him get all of the details of the meeting arranged and assignments made in advance.

For the closing time you might discuss any thanksgiving project the society is carrying out, and seek definite suggestions for developing an attitude of gratitude. Some suggestions are:

1. Write a letter of appreciation to a friend.

2. If families do not return thanks for meals, offer to do so.

3. Thank someone everyday for some kind deed or work well done—someone who will be surprised to hear from you.

4. Show your gratitude to God for sending Jesus by sharing your knowledge of Him with someone else.

5. In *everything* give thanks. Thank God for your difficulties. Ask Him to help you use them instead of letting them "get you down."

Scripture Verses For Scripture Hunt

(Have verses read carefully.)

Ephesians 5:20; Luke 7:37; Psalm 100:4; I Corinthians 15:10; Philippians 4:6; Psalm 67:3; 95:2; 92:1; Luke 22:19; Psalm 107:8; 105:2; I Thessalonians 5:18; Hebrews 13:15; Colossians 3:17; Psalm 34:1; Isaiah 63:7; I Thessalonians 1:3

To the Leader

This is a very important meeting. Prayerfully prepare each part. Give out program parts well in advance and check near the end of the week to make sure that everyone is making preparation.

From construction paper cut out invitations in the shape of "Praying Hands" and hand out or send through the mail to every member of the society. For a poster choose any picture showing an attitude of prayer. List the topic, *Thanksgiving—An Attitude*, time, and place of meeting, on the poster.

If the Junior Highs will not readily participate in the time of sentence prayers, provide each one with a suggested prayer that is written out.

Aims

1. To help Junior Highs to grasp the deeper meaning of Thanksgiving.

2. To show that real thanksgiving does not depend upon outward circumstances.

3. To help Junior Highs recognize contributions others have made and are making to their lives.

4. To help develop a continual sense of gratitude to God.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1,2
Response: Psalm 67:3, 6
Hymns: *Doxology; For the Beauty of the Earth; Praise Him! Praise Him!*
Scripture: Psalm 100 (in unison); Ephesians 5:20
Sentence Prayers: (Each member thanking God for one thing)
Prayer Poem
Chorus: *Thank You, Lord*
Leader's Introduction
Picture Study
Talks on the Topic
Discussion
Scripture Hunt
Counselor's Five Minutes
Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Benediction

Leader's Introduction

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Families will gather together to observe this national holiday. But Thanksgiving Day should be more than a day of feasting and having a good time. It is a time of serious thinking about our obligations to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The Psalmist said, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." Many of our most precious possessions and blessings are present every day and are so commonplace that we get in the habit of taking them for granted and forget to think of God who is the source of all of these things.

To whom should we turn in gratitude for home, family ties, health, food, shelter, schools, and churches? Who made it possible for our great, free nation to be established? Who set in motion the laws of nature by which we have fields of ripened wheat and corn, cattle on the hills, flowers and beauty everywhere? Who provided the plan of salvation for a sinful world, and sent to earth the Saviour to satisfy man's spiritual needs?

When we think deeply about these things we will see the reasonableness of expressing our thanks, not only one day in November, but every month, week, and day of the year.

We hope and pray that the meeting tonight will have far reaching results in the lives of each one of us.

Thoughts on the Topic

(Read Luke 17:11-18.) Once as Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem He met ten lepers. They were in great need. They were victims of a loathsome disease; they were outcasts and beggars.

These men cried out for mercy and Jesus healed their bodies. He restored them to their families and to society and to usefulness. They had much for which to be thankful. Only one of the lepers realized his indebtedness to Jesus and thanked Him; nine of them accepted their cure as a matter of course. They were most ungrateful. When we read this story, we think that ingratitude is the most inexcusable sin in the world, but after nineteen-hundred years, has

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human nature changed much? Do most of us forget to thank God for all His blessings?

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A group of friends was riding along the ocean one evening when suddenly, as they came to the top of a small hill, they gazed upon a most beautiful sunset painted across the sky. One member of the group exclaimed, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." Was he expressing his gratitude to God by quoting from the Psalm? What other quotations can you give that might show an attitude of gratitude for the gift of God's wonderful world? (Read James 1:27.)

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We were talking about a very tragic automobile accident. A devout Christian friend in the group spoke up and said, "You know, my wife and I never get home from a trip in the car any more without bowing our heads and our hearts and thanking our heavenly Father that we have arrived home safely.

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A minister in Boston once said that many times people who were going to make an ocean journey had come to his study and asked him to offer a prayer that they might have a safe trip, but that no one had yet come upon their return to offer thanks to God for bringing them home safely.

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A group of Endeavorers were visiting a county hospital one Thanksgiving morning. As they passed through the psychopathic ward one of the inmates pointed his finger at the group and called out, "Did you ever thank God for your reason?" What are some ways we can show our gratitude to God that we have our right minds? (Read II Timothy 2:15; Philippians 2:5; 4:8.)

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Phillips Brooks once said, "Oh, do not pray for easy tasks, but pray for strength equal to your tasks." It is by facing and overcoming hardships that we become strong. It is at such times that we learn some of the deeper meanings of the Christian life — the blessedness of the prayer life and of depending from day to day upon the never failing strength of our Lord.

The test of our faith and gratitude comes when we suffer disappointment and failure. The lessons they teach us are among life's greatest blessings. Columbus failed to find a short way to the Orient, but he discovered a whole new world. We can think of many other classic examples. As a poet has said, "Disappointment may be His appointment." Can we learn to follow Paul's admonition, "In *everything* give thanks?"

(Read Psalm 65:8-13.) What a wonderful blessing that our Father cares for all of the needs of His children. (Also read Genesis 8:22 for a promise we can depend upon.)

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A friend was a member of a party which toured Alaska this past summer. On a Wednesday night they happened to be in Juneau, and several members of the party went to prayer meeting, which was led by a native woman. He writes of the meeting: "Her prayer was for the simple things of life, the everyday things in which her people were interested. She thanked God for the water, for the fish that were in the water, for the tree, for the animals of the forest, and for those things which they so much needed." Do you thank God for His daily care, for the clothes you wear, for the air you breathe, and the food you have to eat? There are literally thousands of people who do not have these blessings.

A missionary is reported to have said, "I complained that I had no shoes until I saw a cripple without any feet; I complained that I had no refrigerator until I saw many beggars without any food."

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(Read Colossians 3:15,17.) How often on Thanksgiving Day, even when you are thankful for material blessings, do you say, "Thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus Christ?" Think how empty life would be without Jesus! Thank God for showing how much He loved us by sending His "unspeakable gift."

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Robert B. Faulk of Butler, Pennsylvania was very active in his church and community. One of his activities was performing the duties of the superintendent of Christ's Cloistered Crusaders of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union.

He was confined to his bed for 24 years but rose above his handicap by operating a Gospel Greeting Shop. He wrote to shut-ins by the means of an electric typewriter suspended above his bed. And by this time he was only able to use his left hand because the right one had failed him.

He died in 1963 but his influence lives on and on.

Questions for Discussion

1. What effect does it have upon you when someone thanks you genuinely for a small favor or service?

2. What does it do for you when you thank someone else, and see the effect your expression of appreciation brings?

3. Do you think God, our Father, longs to hear His children express their gratitude to Him? Can we ever be thankful enough to God for all of His blessings?

4. How can we express our gratitude other than by our lips?

5. What harm does it do to us to neglect to express our gratitude?

6. What are some things that we as a nation have for which to be thankful?

"The Angelus" — A Picture Study

This picture was painted by Jean Francois Millet, the son of a French peasant. It is said that at the time the picture was painted the people were forgetting God, and this picture reminded them of their Creator. The peasants have come out from the village to harvest their potato crops. At twilight they hear the sound of the Angelus calling people to prayer. They rise from their work and pause to thank God for their blessings. The attitude and position of the peasants reveal their deep spiritual nature and their humble gratitude to God.

What lessons may we learn from this picture? Contrast the blessings of these hardworking peasants with those which we enjoy in America today.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 15 We Belong to God Psalm 24:1
T. Nov. 16 Many Thanksgivings to God II Corinthians 9:11-15
W. Nov. 17 The Poor Share I Corinthians 16:1-14
T. Nov. 18 Where Your Heart Is Luke 12:34
F. Nov. 19 Thank You! Colossians 3:15-17
S. Nov. 20 Rejoice Always Philippians 4:4-7
Sun. Nov. 21—Topic: Thanksgiving—An Attitude Ephesians 5:20 (Thanksgiving Sunday)

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb, wife of a retired Christian Church minister and teacher in a Christian day school in California

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, $6 per dozen, $48 per hundred.

Topic 1 of a Unit: Understanding the Spirit

Why the Holy Spirit?

Acts 19:1-7

Topic Aims

1. To learn the role of the Holy Spirit in meeting the urgent needs of each Junior High.
2. To focus on the Holy Spirit as a living reality of Christian experience.

For Promotion of Your Meeting

Use a large poster to arouse interest. Print in large letters *Why the Holy Spirit?* Show a Junior High driving in nails on plaques with these phrases: *Support in Time of Trouble; Strength to Overcome Failure; Guidance When in Doubt.* Under this picture, print in bold letters: *Nail Down Your Answers!*

Helps and Hints For the Committees

Refer to *Guide for ACTION* for fresh ideas and new projects for your meetings. Intense Bible study will be helpful in presenting the topics in this unit on *Understanding the Spirit.* Are you willing to let the Holy Spirit speak to your heart as you study the Scriptures?

The Leader Must Lead

Begin with a time of special prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ask your society to pray for a willingness to be lead by the Holy Spirit. Adapt program suggestions to meet the needs of your society. This topic is presented from the standpoint of how the Holy Spirit can meet the pressing needs of Junior Highs.

The Scripture Story

If the Apostle Paul's question to the Christians at Ephesus, "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?" (Acts 19:1-7), were put to us today, what would be our answer? They answered, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit." Would we be too embarrassed to reply? Or would our answer be: "Why the Holy Spirit?"

We read how the early Christians were stirred by the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. A stirring of hearts is a critical need of Christians today. Many lack personal witness for Christ and the Church or a personal Christian experience.

Here are some questions for us to ponder in our Quiet Hour. Do we try to avoid heartfelt experiences of study and worship? Are we content to let things drift? Are we satisfied with a rut even if it leads nowhere? Do we really understand our need for a vital Christian experience? Perhaps the key to greater spiritual blessings is a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit. Are we starving for the Spirit?

Program Suggestions

To help the Holy Spirit "come alive" for Junior Highs and to gain new insights, consider certain Scriptures about the Holy Spirit. Write down paraphrases and use them as plans for "charades," "cartoons," or a "matching game." Seek to match the paraphrase with the picture or Bible passage. Junior Highs tend to be limited in their understanding of the Holy Spirit. They need to identify Scripture passages with their times and relate them to their lives. This is the work of the Spirit. Or a modern day skit may present several views of the Holy Spirit and His importance for our lives today.

Another approach to the topic may be to set up a "problem clinic" from which discussion will evolve and various Christian solutions will be set up regarding problems which Junior Highs face today. List and define some of them as problems of pressure at home—family relationships, time to be in at night, pressure at school, attitudes on certain current issues, pressures of world tensions. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in finding Christian solutions from the Scriptures.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 8:3,4
Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; Spirit of the Living God; Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
Scripture Reading: Psalm 29
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
Announcements and Offering
Chorus: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
Leader's Introduction
Topic Presentation
Sentence Prayers
Chorus: *Into My Heart* (sung softly)
Benedictiton

The flame represents the Holy Spirit of God. The Hebrew lettering spells out the word "Yahweh," which is the sacred word meaning "The Lord."

Points of Pressure

There are points of pressure in each Junior High's life. The Holy Spirit guides us in making Christian decisions rather than yielding to these pressures. Pressures can make Christian decisions difficult.

Why do these pressures come about? The answer is not simple. There are human needs and desires for group approval. There is the awful presence of evil in the world. Junior Highs need strength to stand up and be counted when pressures threaten to violate and destroy Christian ideals. Dependence upon the Holy Spirit for guidance will provide ways to resist destructive pressures. Help may be needed to deal with pressures which conflict with school studies, church responsibilities, and home duties.

The Holy Spirit inspires. Are our society meetings dull? Becoming acquainted with the power of the Holy Spirit can inspire us to become glowing Christian Endeavorers. This will go a long way toward making our meetings impressive and interesting. Just as our counselor supervises and offers careful and prayerful guidance, so does the Holy Spirit offer each Christian guidance and inspiration.

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Power for a Thrust Forward

Man has harnessed unbelievable power. Huge engines with thousands of pounds of thrust lift rockets into their proper orbit. What power is needed for the thrust! For centuries another and greater power has been available for each Christian. Jesus spoke of this power when he declared, "All power is given unto me" (Matthew 28:18) and, "Ye shall receive power" (Acts 1:8). We have the certainty and assurance that Christ has given us a spiritual power to accomplish His work.

We believe in our calling as Christians. We sense the urgency to yield ourselves to God's great power. Everything that we do must be in response to Christ's commands. Our lives must conform to the principles laid down in His Word. To run ahead of the Holy Spirit or to pursue a course opposed to the Spirit, is to insure failure and God's displeasure.

To achieve thrust, power is a must! Our task is spiritual and spiritual power is promised for achievement and victory. The inexhaustible resources of God are ours. Will each of us be willing to engage in earnest, personal prayer for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives? The Holy Spirit is God's power of God's work.

"Match It" — Symbols Of the Spirit

God reveals Himself to us by means of symbols. Through symbols God speaks to us in language we can understand. Symbols illustrate the work of the Spirit in our lives. The best-known symbols or word pictures to describe the Holy Spirit have their roots in Scripture. Find these verses in your Bibles. Mark the places with pieces of ribbon. Write down on pieces of paper or on the chalkboard the symbols used in the Bible to refer to the work of the Spirit. Then match the symbol with the Scripture reference.

1. Wind—The Spirit is powerful and accomplishes His work with speed. (John 3:8; Ecclesiastes 11:5; Ezekiel 37:9,10; Acts 2:2; 16:28)

2. Water—Water describes the many forms and blessings of the Spirit. (John 4:15; Ezekiel 36:25-27; John 7:37-39; Isaiah 44:3; Revelation 21:6; Psalm 72:6; 87:7; John 4:4)

3. Fire—Fire gives light, warmth, life, and power. (Isaiah 4:4; Acts 2:3; Luke 12:49; Revelation 4:5; Ephesians 1:17,18; Hebrews 6:4; Romans 5:5; I Corinthians 3:13,14)

4. Salt—Salt expresses the influence of the saint in a sinful world. It is the Holy Spirit alone who can preserve Christian character from deadly sin and give it sweetness. (Matthew 5:13; Mark 9:49, 50; Colossians 4:6)

5. Oil—Oil gives illumination, healing, and it is associated with food. The Spirit's indwelling makes the Christian shine in his witness to the world. The Spirit can give understanding of God's Word. We are lamps and the Spirit is oil. (Psalm 119:18; Exodus 30:7,8; Matthew 5:16; 25:4)

"Getting Back on the Track"

Are you in a "rut"? Do you lack personal power? Do you need moral and spiritual re-enforcement in hours of weakness? The Apostle Paul needed moral strength to master temptation and overcome failure (Romans 7:19,24). Or do you need guidance in confusion and doubt? Read John 14:16. The Psalmist needed cleansing and remaking (Psalm 51:1,10). Or do you need salvation from petty, foolish pitiful weaknesses? Every Junior High needs the basic essentials of Christian character: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22,23). The most urgent need is for the "fruit of the Spirit."

The Holy Spirit is the bestower of power, of joy, of moral purity, of religious consecration (I Thessalonians 1:5, 6; 4:8; II Thessalonians 2:13). By His fruit the Spirit shall be known. The gifts of the Spirit are moral and spiritual.

The new life of the Spirit brings a deep and satisfying relationship with God. It is perfect love toward God and man. The Apostle Peter gave credit for inward purity to the Holy Spirit (Acts 15:8,9). The Christian who surrenders to Christ will think pure thoughts. The deep life of the Spirit yields fruit in pure hearts and holy living.

There is probably no more profound Scripture passage than I John 1:3-10 in which to trace life's highest goal, problems that threw us off the track, and the means for solving these problems. (Read II Peter 1:5-7,10.)

"Babes in Christ" need the personal experience of the deep cleansing and empowering work of the Holy Spirit. The temptation is at the point of doubts, jealousies, fears, and selfishness. Junior Highs may not turn to old vices and habits, but now and then they may pass through severe temptation that involves personal attitudes towards others.

The most effective Christian Endeavorer spends a special time each day secretly before God confessing his need for more courage, more love, more winsomeness, and more compassion. A faithful believer is always seeking ways to cultivate a Christian life.

The Holy Spirit and You

Dr. D. L. Moody gave a remarkable sermon during a preaching mission in Minneapolis. The sermon was entitled, "The Holy Spirit." At the close of the service a man came up to the evangelist and said, "Mr. Moody, you speak as if you have a monopoly on the Holy Spirit." Dr. Moody's reply was, "No, decidedly No! but, I do trust that the Holy Spirit has a monopoly on me." The marvelous work of Dr. Moody revealed how completely he had surrendered to the Spirit.

We must yield to the sway of the Spirit. Christ is our Example. Christ thought it not robbery to be equal with God (Philippians 2:6). Yet He was subordinate to the will of His Father (John 8:29, 42; 9:4; 17:8). The subordination of the Spirit to the Son is revealed in that He does not glorify Himself but Christ, even as Christ sought not His own glory, but His Father's (John 7:18; 16:13-15).

Wherever a Christian goes, he is God's new man. He goes by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Christian is confident that he will reach his goal through the prayers of his friends, "and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:19). What more could one want than the unlimited supply of the Spirit?

Questions Junior Highs Ask

Prayerful discussion of key questions may help relate the topic to daily life.

1. How can the Christian gain the initiative in witnessing in the world?

2. What does the Holy Spirit do?

3. What does it mean to be "filled with the Holy Spirit"?

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 22 Outpouring of the Spirit Luke 1:41-67
T. Nov. 23 The Spirit Is Reality John 3:31-34
W. Nov. 24 Spiritual Rebirth John 3:5-8
T. Nov. 25 The Fruits of the Spirit Galatians 5:22,23
F. Nov. 26 Spirit and Life John 6:63
S. Nov. 27 The Fellowship of the Spirit II Corinthians 13:14
Sun. Nov. 28—Topic: Why the Holy Spirit? Acts 19:1-7

Comments by Rev. Edgar L. Mack, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal churches in Newport and Erlanger, Kentucky, and a member of the Youth Work Committee

Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Helps in Publicity

This topic and the next deal with missions. Use a large world map for your poster. Mark with lights, lines, circles or some other means where your church has missionaries working. In large black letters on the top of the map place the topic title, *Mission: The Christian's Calling*. Arrange on the remaining portion of the poster the other important information such as time, date, place, leader and anything special about the society meeting. Make sure someone sees to it that the meetings are announced in the bulletin with correct information.

Helps for the Leader

This topic has many possibilities. Plan early how you propose to develop it. You could bring a missionary in to speak to your group on the subject "What Compelled Me to Be a Missionary." Try to get a missionary from your own denomination or better yet a missionary which you support financially. Contact him early; missionaries are often very busy.

Another possibility is for a book report on a noted missionary. Assign this responsibility well in advance so that the person is prepared. See the list of suggested books for further ideas.

You could also have a panel discussion. Have panel members discuss the various motives of missions, their importance and value.

Another possibility is to have buzz groups who will formulate lists of motives for missions. Use some of your own ideas. Don't be afraid to try something new.

Help for the Counselor

Be ready to lend a helping hand to the leader. If you plan on having a speaker give suggestions to the young people. Also make sure entertainment for the guest is available and remember to meet the expenses of the speaker. Offer your suggestions and helps to the leader, especially in the area of mechanics. Check early to see if the leader is preparing the topic. Stand behind the young people in their activities, and be sure to give them encouragement.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship
Opening Hymns: *Amazing Grace; We've a Story to Tell to the Nations; O Zion Haste*
Scripture: Acts 28:25-31
Sentence Prayers
Special Music
Topic Presentation
Hymn: *Rise up, O Men of God*
Moments of Consecration
Consecration Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Mizpah Benediction

For the Missionary Committee

With this missionary emphasis it would be profitable to have a church-wide missionary emphasis week. Plan a tentative program and submit it to the minister or the church's ruling body for approval. Propose display booths representing various missionary stations in which your church has an interest. Solicit the help of other organizations in your church in this endeavor.

Helps on the Topic

With every task there usually is a factor of which we are not conscious, and that is motive. Have the young people in your society discuss what are some of their motives in their everyday lives. For example, what motivates them in school. If some of the young people work, why do they and what do they hope to accomplish? This is a serious matter in our generation. Often we are not motivated by anyone, anything, or any purpose.

Take a look at great men and you will see all were motivated, there was drive in their lives, there was conviction in their actions. Take men such as Paul, Augustine, Alexander, Luther, Lincoln, Hitler, Billy Graham, and see in them their motivating force. Discuss the motivation of each of these men as it relates to their accomplishments. You can find information in most encyclopedias or check with your minister.

It must be noted at the beginning that motivation takes on various meanings: (1) Motivated by a desire to serve because of a sense of calling and conviction; (2) Motivated by a feeling of absolute necessity, because of a feeling of obligation; (3) Motivated by a feeling of need: "If I don't do it who will?": (4) Motivated by the lust for power and prestige; (5) Motivated by Divine conviction. You can spend as much time as you think wise on the above suggestions. But be certain number five is noted very carefully. See your minister for some suggestions if you don't have any.

We turn our attention to mission and as we note it in the Christian context we must assert one basic premise, and that is the Divinity and centrality of Jesus Christ. If we don't believe Him then we can't be motivated by Him. If we have not confessed Him as Saviour and Lord then we will have no sense of necessity to serve Him. We must confess Christ in order to know His great motivating power. Confession means to make known publically what He means to you in your heart and by living a life which makes this fact a reality.

The motivating power for the Christian comes from the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit of God that beareth witness with our spirits to make us feel a sense of mission, call, and commission. Now we don't have all the answers to the exact mechanics of this operation, but we have the faith to realize it. And as we fulfil our mission our conviction will grow as to the matter of the "what," "why," and "how" of motivation.

What has motivated men and women of God through the ages? Study here great missionaries. Some men of great note are: Canton, Zwemer, Scudder, Grenfell, and Livingston. Check with your minister concerning leading missionaries in your denomination.

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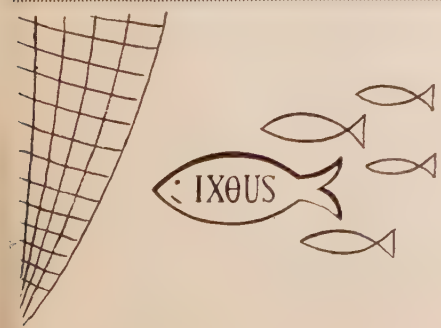

Topic 1 of a Unit: Overseas Missions

The Motive of Missions

Acts 28:28; Romans 9:24

This unit is presented in connection with the 1965-66 overseas missions theme, "Mission: The Christian's Calling." A free folder describing Friendship Press materials is available upon request.

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Dr. Arthur J. Brown has written a book entitled *The Foreign Missionary* and his first chapter deals with the matter of missionary motive. Note his outline and then fill in the details with your own thoughts. He states that there are three primary motives: *A. valid Christian experience—a born again conviction; B. the world's evident need of Christ; C. command of Christ.* He also cites five secondary motives and claims that they are effects rather than causes of missionary enterprise. Would we agree with him in the following: 1. Philanthropic; 2. Intellectual; 3. Commercial; 4. Civilizing; 5. Historical. Let these be springboards for definition and discussion.

Talks on the Topic

1. In light of all we have said let us look at an Old Testament character who had a call with a motive. (Have the group take their Bibles and read Isaiah 6. Then have them discuss what the passage says and means to them. For guidelines use the following suggestions.)

Note first of all the high and holy concept of God. This is a beautiful passage and shows both sides of the greatness of our God. First we see Him as "high and lifted up" with a very magnificent picture of His Glory.

Then, too, we see Him as being very near as we see His glory around us. The whole world is the creation of God and reveals to us who God is.

We also see that Isaiah recognizes God's presence and his own inadequacy. The wonder of God's forgiveness is also here shown for in verse seven we read "and thine inquity is taken way, and thy sin is purged."

This passage also shows us the call of God. It is His Divine invitation that comes to Isaiah, the invitation to be part of the King's army.

The climax of Isaiah 6 is the last part of the eighth verse when in response to God's invitation Isaiah says, "here am I, send me." Here are words of great significance in light of the Divine call of God. He is sent forth with a message and a purpose. He is not to go aimlessly about, but is to go to his own people with the message God has given Him.

2. As we studied Isaiah we noted that his life was directed by God and he yielded. This wasn't a hit or miss affair it was the leading of the Almighty God. There was real motive in Isaiah's going to his people. First, he had a great love for God. Secondly, he saw God's revelation in the world. Thirdly, he was aware of his shortcomings and God's wonderous ability to overcome them and use him in spite of them. Fourthly, he knew what it was to have sins forgiven. And lastly, he knew there was a job to do.

All of these being factors in his motive we see that he carried it out with the help of God. He wasn't one of these individuals who was aware of all the motivating forces in his life and said yes, but never got around to doing anything about it. How often is this not true of us, we say yes but aren't really convinced that we are to be part of the job force. Our motivation falls short of conviction. If we were in Isaiah's place what would we say? What would have been our reply? "Not now Lord but at some more convenient time"?

3. The crisis in today's world demands that we be involved wholeheartedly in mission. Maybe our failure comes at the point of motivation. Are we really convinced the salvation which is ours is really worth sharing? Are we sold on our "product"? Do we have hearts of compassion and love which are ready to reach the classmate, fellowworker, the friend, with the work and claims of Jesus Christ? The power of Jesus Christ is greater than the resistance of men. Our motivation must be grounded on this concept of the determined dynamic power of the Holy Spirit. This isn't the coward's work, but it is the soldiers of Jesus Christ who must carry on the great Gospel's invitation.

4. After having said this we must also note the results of the motivating power. For the Christian it is the sense of victory over the Devil and evil. A conquering spirit is the backbone of the child of God. As we fight there is purpose and meaning to the life we are now living, but once we give up or yield to the enemy we are miserable, useless, and sick of heart and soul. So we must carry out our task willingly and with vigor. This will be our drive if we are motivated by the compelling force of what Jesus Christ has done and can do in the lives of His people. The outcome will be satisfaction in our lives. There will be a contentment which the world cannot give. We will also find that our life will have a lustrous glow about it. We will have attractive personalities as we will have a zest for life.

Then, too, there will be the matter of a purposeful life. In a day when people are floundering because they have no purpose in their life the Christian needs to show the world that there is meaning, there is purpose and there is reason to the life they now live and then go forth to live life to the best of their God given ability. We are all missionaries for we are all commissioned with the same commission of our Lord, "Go Ye." The thing we are to be concerned with is "what motivates us," and do this in the light and awareness of the end result.

Closing Moments

As you come to the close of the topic have a time of consecration and soul searching on the part of each of the members. Darken the room and have a spotlight on the picture of Jesus Christ, ask each one present to look into the face of the Master, taking note of His eyes. Have just a moment of complete silence then ask the members questions concerning their surrender to Christ.

Close the meeting by asking all what they intend to do about the motivating force of Jesus Christ in their life. Have them think about this and come back next week with some answers.

Resource Material

What Is World Outreach? (available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor) 35c per dozen; $2.50 per hundred.

Focus: The Christian's Calling, Richard H. Rice, Friendship Press, $1.50. A series of large photographs (10" x 12") of laymen engaged in their occupations. The text points out some of the ways in which persons of various professions and businesses can express the sense of Christian mission through their daily work. Also included are "What do you do?" problems, discussion questions, and suggestions for use.

The Way in the World, Roy P. Adelberg, Friendship Press, $1.75. Adults and teenagers in the process of making important decisions in their lives are the focus of these seven stories. Reflected in their very real struggle toward a decision is their attitude toward Jesus Christ. A series of related questions after each story will stimulate personal thinking or group discussion.

Friendship Press books are available from denominational literature headquarters or Christian bookstores.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 1 Importance of Family Influence II Timothy 1:1-5
T. Nov. 2 Stirred Up Gifts II Timothy 1:6,7
W. Nov. 3 Life a Calling II Timothy 1:8-10
T. Nov. 4 Some Are Preachers II Timothy 1:11-13
F. Nov. 5 Marks of a Missionary II Timothy 2:1-4
S. Nov. 6 Called to Suffer II Timothy 2:9-14
Sun. Nov. 7—Topic: The Motive of Missions Acts 28:28; Romans 9:24

Comments by Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk, minister of the Laketon Bethel Reformed Church, Muskegon, Michigan, and president of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union

Topic 2 of a Unit: Overseas Missions

"Mission: The Christian's Calling"

Luke 24:44-49

Helps for the Leader

This is the second of two topics on missions. Before you do anything else review last week's topic. Review what was done in last week's meeting and then forge ahead in planning this week's topic presentation. As an introduction, use a missionary quiz. You may have to do some digging for questions and answers, but it will be an interesting way for those who participate to gain some new insight into the work of missions. Tailor your quiz to your particular denomination and group. Some general questions could be: Who is considered the first missionary? *(Paul.)* Around whom does the missionary message center? *(Jesus Christ.)* And so you can develop a whole set of questions and answers. For purposes of competition divide the group into teams; you be the quiz master to determine how it will be carried out.

The topic could be presented in a "Meet the Press" format. Individuals could be prepared to be interviewed with members of the press presenting leading questions. The *Talks on the Topic* could be easily adapted to this kind of presentation.

Keep in mind at all times that this topic can challenge your hearers as well as you to the great task of mission in today's world. Remember this isn't something you wait to do when you are older, it is something you engage in now all the time.

Helps on the Topic

Begin your topic presentation by asking the question which closed the last session: "What do you intend to do about the motivating force of Jesus Christ in your life?" Have a time of testimony in regard to this question and then have the members join in discussion of how they can best assist one another in carrying out these resolutions.

Help for the Counselor

If the leader decides to have a missionary quiz give a helping hand. Your denomination undoubtedly puts out information on the missionary work of your church and would be glad to send you such information upon request. Be sure you make the request early enough so that it will be in your hands at least two weeks prior to the meeting. If your group doesn't have much knowledge of missionaries and missions, develop the quiz into a multiple choice format. Encourage your minister to assist in this type of endeavor; he can be an asset.

It is wise for you as a counselor to always look ahead to take note of what is coming up so that you may give wise counsel. You should be receiving a copy of *THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD* in your home, so that you may readily look over the meetings that are ahead and give intelligent and wise direction to the various leaders. You should have in your possession a copy of the *Christian Endeavor Literature and Supplies Catalog* and the *Guide for ACTION 1965-1966*. For copies of these materials write to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Call to Worship
Opening Hymns: *Living for Jesus; I Am Thine, O Lord; Give of Your Best to the Master*
Invocation
Scripture: Luke 24:44-49
Special Music
Prayer
Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign*
Topic Presentation
Offering
Offertory Prayer
Special Music
Closing Hymn: *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*
Benediction

Helps for the Missionary Committee

Read *For the Missionary Committee* in the November 7 topic. Have you done anything about this? If not, it still isn't too late to begin. See the *Guide for Action* for ideas and details.

Another fine project is a letter writing campaign. Each month have specific individuals in the society send a letter to a particular missionary. Divide the society into as many groups as you have missionaries supported by your church, Sunday school, or society. If you don't have any missionaries why not ask your minister for some suggestions.

Along with this letter campaign, form prayer bands using the same groups who write the letters. The young people should be asked to remember their missionary everyday in their personal devotions. Strive to keep a program like this going all year long.

Talks on the Topic

(Leaders: Let the following be a beginning for some of your own ideas. Use your own comparisons which may be more meaningful to the young people in your society.)

Fishermen

When Christ called his disciples He didn't merely save them, but He made them fishers of men. Christ called laymen to be fishermen. Each Christian today has this as his or her high and holy calling. When one goes fishing he must be equipped if he is to have results. Make up your fishing equipment list: fishing pole; bait; net; container to hold the catch; any other items that will assist you in making the fishing experience a success. The parallel in this example is obvious. How prepared is the Christian to engage in the task which is his be-

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cause of his commitment to be a fisher of men? Some of the necessary gear for the Christian in his fishing expedition is: A firm belief in his own heart that what he is doing is commissioned by God; an assurance of his own salvation; a knowledge of God's promises; a heart of compassion for mankind. (See how the young people fit into the pattern of being fishers of men. How do their methods of carrying out their motive to mission fit in here?)

Observer or Participant

The question needs to be asked—what are you doing about being a fisher of men? Are you one of those who is constantly talking about it, who is forever sounding forth concerning the Christian's task to spread the good news of Jesus Christ? Or are you one of those who is constantly looking around for opportunity to serve, seeking ways whereby you may show some person the way of righteousness? Isn't it time for those who know Jesus Christ do something more than talk and look?

Now is the hour for all Christians to cease being observers and become active participants in Christ's great mission. (Compare this to a football game.) If the center on the team decided to become an observer what would happen? The ball wouldn't be snapped; a key block wouldn't be made; the team's effectiveness would be lost. Most likely the end result would be the sending in of a substitute to relieve the center who would then sit the game out as a bench-warming observer. So with the Christian mission. All who profess Jesus Christ are part of the team. Each has a part in the game, and the Head Coach wants each to participate whole-heartedly in the game. What kind of player are you?

The player must also realize there is an offense and a defense in the game of football, and the Christian's experience will be that of offense and defense as well. Paul tells you that you are to fight the good fight. What are you today an observer or a participant? A Christian needs to be a participant; this is inherent in his call.

Faithful or Faithless?

There is a call to faithfulness in Christ's call to service for each of you. You do not only play one game, but it is a continuous game, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Sometimes, because of a lack of results, you are prone to give up. The Devil likes nothing better, for he has then succeeded in winning you to his cause. Your by-word needs to be faithfulness. An enduring faithfulness through all kinds of situations—through fair weather and bad weather, through good times and discouraging times. This is sometimes very difficult for you and you must constantly be on guard lest you fall into the snare of faithlessness. To maintain a faithful spirit youth are called on to have close communion with God. Your personal devotional life should be something very real and precious to you. In a day when people have more leisure time, it is good to spend some of that time in communion with God. If you are faithful in this God will be faithful in giving you the ability to endure as you engage in your high calling of being a fisher of men for Jesus Christ.

Are you faithful to your calling? If not will you resolve here and now to be more faithful? To yield and commit your all to Jesus Christ, and keep the Quiet Hour everyday?

Changing World Situation

Today's world is a changing world, and often young people fail to realize the swiftness of the age and importance of our time. Impress this fact on the minds of the society members and then cite some changes in the area of missionary endeavor.

At one time the missionary was the educated person in the field of work, he was the person who had the knowledge of life and was usually a stranger. Medical and agricultural missionaries were often considered to hold mystical powers. These people were outsiders and came speaking a strange tongue and often with a different color of skin than the natives. The missionary ran the area in which he lived, and operated the various phases of the work from this area on his own. Today this is rapidly changing. The missionary no longer holds the important and isolated position he once knew. With the rapid means of communication and transportation the world has very few areas where pioneering is still possible.

The training and education of native population has raised up a segment of people who are able to rule and care for the matters of the local church and work of the missionary compound. Today in missionary circles we hear much about the indigenous church.

These are factors in the changing form of the missionary program. The message of Jesus Christ must never be tied to one form or pattern of communication, we, too, must adapt to the times and use every means possible in presenting the claims of Christ. Since some of the old methods no longer are relevant can you think of some ways in which the Gospel can be presented in today's world? (First, think of the area of the work in foreign lands, such as India, Japan, Latin America, and Africa. Have a time of discussion on these matters and write suggestions on the chalkboard. Secondly, think about the American situation: Civil rights, the inner city, the American Indian, the people in your block.)

Called to Mission

As you realize the need for mission and are aware of your task in it, and conscious of the changing forms of communication you must place yourself over against all of this and ask: Where do I fit? and What am I doing about it all?

Maybe God has called you to go for Him in these hectic days to communicate the Gospel of reconciliation on a foreign field. Maybe He wants you to be a foreign diplomat serving Christ and your country. If the mission boards can't use your abilities, how about the Peace Corps? Yours is the challenge to serve, and to serve in the greatest age in history for the God of all history. What will you do with Christ's great commission?

If you don't feel led or called to foreign labor, how about here at home? In your high school, do you realize your calling? (Here discuss what the society feels are the qualifications for missionary service.)

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 8 Importance of Godliness II Timothy 3:1-7
T. Nov. 9 Paul's Examples II Timothy 3:10-14
W. Nov. 10 Know Scripture II Timothy 3:15-17
T. Nov. 11 Life Is Changed II Timothy 4:1-5
F. Nov. 12 Paul Speaks II Timothy 4:6-8
S. Nov. 13 Lord a Companion II Timothy 4:16-18
Sun. Nov. 14—Topic: "Mission: The Christian's Calling" Luke 24:44-49

Comments by Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk, minister of the Laketon Bethel Reformed Church, Muskegon, Michigan, and president of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, $6 per dozen, $48 per hundred.

Thanksgiving

Ephesians 5:20
(Thanksgiving Sunday)

Publicity Ideas

Distribute throughout the church posters about your meeting. You might use the central theme "Thanks-living" on each one. You could vary the scene by depicting each of the hymns which are to be sung. Scenes could also depict the daily Bible readings. Be sure and list the date, hour, and place of meeting. Don't presume all know this information! Be ever alert to your responsibility to encourage visitors who haven't previously attended your society meetings.

Leader's Introduction

Too often Thanksgiving Day is thought to be peculiar to America only. It is also thought to be primarily a day of festivities and feasting for their sake alone. This is not true nor is it as it should be.

It may be surprising to us, but the idea of thanksgiving was not begun with the Pilgrims. It is claimed by some that the Chinese observed such rites thousands of years ago. We would remember also that thanksgiving can also be traced back to the ancient Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, which lasted eight days; also to a nine-day celebration, the Greek feast for Demeter, goddess of agriculture, and to the Roman Cerealia honor the Ceres. In the latter two, sacrifices were made to the deities.

Thanksgiving isn't something new, but now we would like to give it a new emphasis. First, we will show the attitude of too many people in relation to the world and how they fit into that world. We will also develop some thoughts which many people have of themselves. We will give some of the daily Bible readings of this past week as a guide to the proper attitude and thoughts of ourselves and the world and our relation to it. This will serve as a background with which we can make a comparison.

Dialogue on Thanksgiving

Thanks to God
(Read Psalm 8)

Tom was a man who was very successful in the business world. For several years he had served as president of the local Chamber of Commerce. Jane, his wife, was an executive in one of the local department stores as well as an officer in a high office in a fraternal organization. Their son, Chuck, was president of the senior class. He was a top athlete and a recognized leader of excellent quality. Their daughter, Esther, a Junior, was a cheer leader, editor of the school paper, and one to whom the girls of her club constantly looked for guidance and ideas of new possible projects and social events.

(At this point discuss in your society "How does this happen in the life of this family." It would be well to explain why you think they are devoted to the church or not and how active you think they are. You may want to point out their place individually as well as a family unit.)

As we continue with the life of the Smith family, we find one that is based upon the goal of self-achievement. Tom was always at the front when a youth. He figured that you had to project yourself forward for no one else would. He looked out primarily for himself and his family. He sacrificed everything else for the procuring of a good image before others. If others didn't make it; that is tough but "it was either they or me" and after all "I really am best" and "let them look elsewhere for a job" and "I'm not my brother's keeper."

Jane had always been a leader and would be found at the center of the greater activities. She and Tom had married with the idea of what great things they could attain. A family was not a part of the picture when they first married for Jane always thought of herself as primarily a career woman. When Chuck and Esther were born, she remained at home no longer than necessary for after all, she was important to the business. How could they get along without her? Of course this didn't give the best experience for Chuck and Esther. They didn't have a close relation with their parents. They, in fact, often wondered if their parents loved them and wondered whether they would even miss them if they were not home some evening. There certainly wasn't any home life. Their parents never gave them the feeling of being willing to help them. If they were going to get anywhere in this world, they would have to do it themselves for there wasn't anyone on their side. "I'm looking out for me" seemed to be a natural response to what outlook of life they should have.

It fell naturally the lot of Chuck and Esther to not be too interested in church and its activities. The family attended fairly regularly for that was the "accepted thing to do" in the neighborhood and many of those with whom they had business and social contacts went to "their" church. Once in awhile Chuck and Esther would go to a church event which the youth were having if it looked like it would be a lot of fun.

If you were to talk to any of the Smith family about the world and God; they would come forth with such ideas that would elevate the dignity of man. "God? Of course there is a God or some type of a supreme being. This old world came from somewhere. And the universe is for the enjoyment of man. Man is a great creature." Perhaps you would hear "why somewhere in the Bible it points out how God gave him dominion over all other creatures." Even God recognized man's potential. Just look about you and see the many accomplishments that man has succeeded in doing. You can turn and see on every hand the new inventions and discoveries man has made because he is an intelligent creature. It's only right that you would describe him as "Great." I didn't get where I am today except by putting myself there. No one else did it for me. I did it and it's a great joy to know I need not thank anyone else but

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Isaiah 63:7; Colossians 3:17
Musical Interlude: (individual silent meditation)
Hymns: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name; Praise Him! Praise Him!*
Invocation
Responsive Reading: Selection 2 (Psalm 19)
Announcements and Offering
Prayer of Dedication for Offering
Special Music: *This Is My Father's World*
Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 5:1,2,8-20
Silent Prayer
Evening Prayer
Hymn: *Come Ye Thankful People*
Leader's Introduction
Dialogue on Thanksgiving
Discussion
Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth*
Benediction

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myself. I don't have to bow to anyone for I am what I am on my own merits. Oh, it is true, I did know so-and-so and he spoke for me but even he knew I could produce. He only did this because he knew how great I was. Thanks to me, I have reached this position of business success or social recognition or school honor.

This is the general tone of the philosophy of life of the Smith family. It is true that God made man to have dominion over other creatures? Do you think they have caught the spirit of "what is man that thou art mindful of him?" Is their emphasis on the excellence of God because of His creation or is it on the creation and how this creation can best serve mankind? Are they thankful?

Blessed Be God
(Read Psalm 66)

Mary was a girl from a middle-class family who lived on an income which provided the necessities of life. It did not secure any special extras. Her father had a severe illness that left its mark upon him physically which did not permit him to advance economically or socially very easily.

Many of Mary's schoolmates were in much the same condition as was she but it seemed she was constantly thinking of those others who had more clothes, money, and the other frills of life. She knew that her parents loved her and that they gave her all they could, but just the same "It didn't seem fair." Her grades were high but rather than taking joy in this she would compare hers to others. Those classmates who had lots of money and good clothes had good grades also. At least some of them did. Forming in her mind was the thought of "I'll bet they don't have to study as much as I do. It must be their social position in school that gets them their grades." If the truth was known, it could well be that they studied more than even Mary.

Mary was a nice looking girl in that she had good features and a nice complexion but she didn't have a pleasant look on her face. Mary was constantly derogatory against others and unhappy because she never had any dates. Why, Coleen is always dating and I have to stay home.

I have such an unhappy life. It just doesn't seem worth it all. They say we should be thankful. What have I got for which to be thankful? God is good. Where has He been good to me?
Discuss Mary's problems: What would you say is her greatest problem? Has she anything for which to be thankful? If you were a boy, would you date her? If so, what are her good qualities? If not, why not?

Let us look to another girl that is in much the same situation as was Mary. Millie didn't have all the niceties of life. She got good grades in school. She dated some and had the feeling she could be asked for a date often except she spent some evenings at home with her parents. Sometimes she and her parents would go shopping or to a ball game. She was not as nice looking as Mary, but always there was a smile on her face. She was the center of attraction at every party.

Both Mary and Millie were active in church and in the youth program. Mary was always pessimistic but Millie saw good in everything.

Millie had a wonderful outlook on life. She tried to see good in everything. Though she constantly was taking shots for her health she could look about and see those less fortunate than she. She enjoyed going for a walk, whether it was raining or the sun was shining, and to look to the skies with gratefulness to God for life and the many blessings that were hers. She could see those about her who had more than she and could be happy for them. Her parents were wonderful and loved her greatly and were always encouraging her in the important things of life. She did all she could to please them and to return her love to them.

Glory to God
(Read Psalm 19)

Perhaps we should study a bit more about Millie. What else did Millie do? She took a great joy in the work of the church. She so enjoyed her class which she taught each Sunday morning. Let her tell us what it is like! "Those little second graders are so hungry to learn more about God. It is a real joy to see their eyes sparkle as they search for new words to express their ideas. And the questions which they ask always keep you on your toes. It is such fun to visit in their homes to get acquainted with their families: Their parents, brothers, and sisters and also a couple of grandparents in some of the homes. They so appreciate having a visit from their Sunday school teacher. I appreciate being welcomed and wanted by the little children. I guess another good result about teaching is that it helps me always study God's Word. I make the lesson for the next Sunday a part of my Bible study and daily devotions and it helps me discipline myself to study every day. Well, Sunday school teaching is one of the ways in which I can be of service to God and show Him my thanks for His love for me."

Millie was not satisfied to just teach a class. She also was a part of the youth choir and was past president of the Christian Endeavor society. Even though she wasn't now an officer, she still did all she could to help the present leaders and took part in the work of the society program. She is a faithful attendant at all meetings. She also tithes from her income from babysitting and her other work.

Discussion Time

Praise to God
(Read Psalm 9:1-11)

We have studied three different families and how they live and what their philosophy is.

1. What would you say is the important thing in each of their lives?

2. Do you know any at school who fit the description of any of these youth: Chuck, Esther, Mary or Millie?

3. How would you further describe their personality?

4. Do you think any or all are followers of Christ? Which ones?

5. Are they self-centered?

6. What is the best way to have a life that shows Thanks-living?

7. In what way can you serve your church individually?

8. How can your society serve Christ in your church?

Offering Thanks
(Psalm 50:14-23)

It might be helpful to close the meeting with a period of re-dedication.

Distribute a pencil and small sheet of paper to each one. Urge each member to examine his own life. Have each one write on his piece of paper those things in his life that prevent him from really living a life of thanksgiving.

Ask such soul-searching questions as:

1. Does my daily life express an attitude of thanksgiving to God?
2. Do I delight in slandering other people?
3. Do I follow the crowd and use foul language?
4. Do I delight in telling questionable stories?
5. Do I cheat in my school work?

After each one has completed his list, have him fold his paper and place it on a metal tray which is passed. When all lists have been received, the leader will carefully burn them in a metal receptacle, symbolizing the desire of each one to rid his life of the things that prevent him from truly living for Christ. Be very careful when burning the papers; plan to have a jar of water nearby.

Conclude with a prayer of re-dedication. This can be a significant closing if conducted in an attitude of worship.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 15	Thanks to God	Psalm 8
T. Nov. 16	Praise to God	Psalm 9:1-11
W. Nov. 17	Glory to God	Psalm 19
T. Nov. 18	Great Is the Lord	Psalm 48
F. Nov. 19	Offering Thanks	Psalm 50:14-23
S. Nov. 20	Blessed Be God	Psalm 66

Sun. Nov. 21—Topic: Thanksgiving
Ephesians 5:20
(Thanksgiving Sunday)

Comments by Rev. Clyde E. West, associate minister of the Nelson Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship
Song Service: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee; Holy, Holy, Holy; Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
Scripture Reading: Acts 1
Prayer Hymn: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Leader's Introduction
Topic Presentation
Discussion Time
Closing Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
Mizpah Benediction

Presenting the Topic

This topic can be presented in different ways. You may assign various individuals to present the material under *Thoughts on the Topic.* If this is done, encourage some original thinking rather than reading the material as printed.

The leader could present basic background material on the topic and then have the society spend most of the time in a "Scripture workout," looking at many significant verses of Scripture concerning the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament alone *the power of God* and the *Holy Spirit* is mentioned nearly 300 times. There should be a brief explanation for each verse chosen.

The areas covered in the material under *Thoughts on the Topic* could be used in buzz groups that would meet for discussion and then present their findings to the entire society.

Leader's Introduction

It has become almost commonplace to trace the history of man by the type of power which he has used. Primitive civilizations have depended on physical strength and "brute" power. But as man has developed, he has used his intellectual power to harness a wide variety of power for his use. Think of the progress in transportation. Early in modern civilization man used the camel, the mule, the ox, and the horse to make his journeys easier and faster. The harnessing of the winds of the sea advanced man's ability to cover the earth with his goods. Another great milestone was the invention of the steam engine. Then followed the invention of the internal combustion gasoline engine, the improvement of railroads, the coming of the airplane, all of which have revolutionized the life of man.

Improved power has enabled man to produce large quantities of goods. We are becoming aware of automation and its revolutionizing powers in the life of modern man in at least western civilization. Man has become so conscious of production and things that these have become his god. Many modern philosophers and theologians have called our attention to the dehumanizing effect of modern socio-economic structure.

The most radical development of modern times has been the development of atomic and hydrogen power. One could hold in his hand materials which have the potential of disintegrating a whole city. The struggle of modern times is to find a "peaceful use" for atomic energy.

Science has aided us in developing mechanical power beyond what could be imagined 30 years ago. But modern man, instead of finding meaning and significance in life, finds it frustrating and meaningless.

The greatest power on earth is personal power. The power to think, to feel, to dream, to imagine, and to act are powers which have made mechanical power possible. But is this the end of all men's strivings? If so, man may have created a monster that will someday destroy him. Man not only has powers within him, but these powers seek relationships which are beyond him. He wants to belong; he wants to be loved and appreciated. "Man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15 RSV). Man was made to live for something greater than himself, or what he can possess.

Thoughts on the Topic

1. The modern Existentialist, in attempting to fix responsibility, has made man the complete captain of his own soul. The extent and nature of man's freedom has always been a problem. Some would make man a completely determined creature, with virtually no freedom nor responsibility. Others, in stressing his freedom, ignore certain limitations that are placed upon man—and not of his own choosing. The most accurate picture of man is that he is free within limits. There are certain happenings in the life of man that he does not choose, but he can choose his attitude toward these events.

Paul Tournier in his book *The Whole Person in a Broken World* points out that the need of modern man is to become aware of the power of the Spirit in man's life. When man has turned away from God and the things of the spirit, his civilization has undergone decay and disintegration. The Roman Empire had conquered every outward enemy, but its immorality weakened her until she fell, as a victim of inward corruption. There are those today that believe Western civilization is now undergoing a similar disintegration. Whether this is so or not depends upon the Church and its witness in our generation. A complacent, self-satisfied Church can never fulfill the mission of her Lord.

The Church must ever realize that she is only a corpse if the Spirit of Christ does not dwell within her. If Christ's Spirit is there, the Church must be militant and dynamic.

2. What are the marks of a spirit filled church? Jesus said "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20). What are the fruits of the Spirit? Paul gives a fine catalog of these in Galatians 5:22,23. He lists them as "love, joy, peace, long-suffering gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." In our time there is some confusion with respect to the Spirit. Many ignore Him in the modern Church. To do so is to ignore the real source of power for the Church. On the other hand, there are those who confuse the gifts of the Spirit with the fruit of the Spirit. Gifts are poured out upon men for ministering. If a person has a gift he should use it, but not as a sign of a superior faith or salvation. All men are expected to produce the fruit of the Spirit but not all will have any or all of the gifts of the Spirit. According to I Corinthians 13:10, Christian perfection has nothing to do with the gifts as it is possible in the absence of the gifts. But Christian perfection is not possible without the *fruit* of the Spirit. This is the point of Paul's discussion in I Corinthians 12:27 through 14:20.

3. The most important of all the fruits of the Spirit is love. In fact, Jesus said all the commandments of God hung upon the two-fold commandment to love: first, God, and then, one's brother (Matthew 22:37-40). But what does it mean to love? People today are confused as to what love means. To many it is a feeling that comes

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immediately and may leave one. But the Bible means more than this. It is intelligent good-will. It is an attitude—which implies a component of intellectual, emotional, and decision-making activity. It is a deliberate action on man's part to help or to save a brother. This is to be based on the premise that since a brother is a creation of God, then one belongs to his brother because of a common creator. Such a concern and respect for a brother is supplemented by responsibility and understanding with the result being a true love. God created man to be a social being. He can never be quite human alone. A human being would never learn to speak or to become what we call emotionally mature without relating to other people. Nor is it possible really to become mature without the Spirit of God. Quite often He works in the lives of men without their being aware of His power. For example, all of Western civilization has been permeated by the Christian ethic. Since the Renaissance Western man (at least the chief philosophers and scientists, beginning with Descartes) has tried to rid himself of all remnants of the Spirit, and to deal only with the materialistic, objective world. As Dr. Paul Tournier, a psychiatrist of Geneva, Switzerland, has pointed out in his book *The Whole Person in a Broken World,* that "it is this turning away from the realities of the Spirit that has caused a deep sickness in the life of modern man."

It is probably the churches that have caused such a turning away from Christianity. This is because of fightings, divisions, and differences of opinion on many subjects. It is only when we turn to the Bible that we can find an objective revelation concerning Spiritual things. Perhaps clarification of matters concerning the Spirit can be affected by raising certain questions.

4. What do we mean by "Spirit" and "Holy Spirit?" The English word *Spirit* is used to denote several things: (1) non-material as opposed to materialistic; (2) that which has the power to think, to feel and to decide or act, as opposed to vegetable or even psychic life. The term Holy Spirit is used as equivalent to the "Spirit of God," "the Spirit of the Lord," "the Spirit of Christ," or "The Spirit." If one is led by the Spirit of Christ, he is, it can be said, led of the Holy Spirit. God is one though we use three descriptive terms to explain His work with men (see Ephesians 4:46). Someone has pointed out that the term "Father" is used of God as "beyond man." The term "Christ" or "Son" is used of God in human flesh or incarnate. And the term "Spirit" as applied to God is descriptive of God's working within man with power.

One of man's great problems is that of attempting to describe accurately that which is not to be measured or dissected. One would need the mind of God to comprehend God with any measure of completeness. We only understand what He has revealed of Himself in Christ. We may not understand with any measure of completeness the Spirit of God, but we can utilize His power within us.

5. But how does this power come into us? According to the Scripture there are several different ways that the Holy Spirit has come upon man. First, there has been the outpouring of the Spirit of God. Apparently man did nothing in a direct attempt to receive it. At least the Scripture bears no record of a conscious attempt to receive it. There are several examples of this in the New Testament. The disciples as they assembled on the day of Pentecost immediately following the resurrection of Christ, were baptized in the Spirit of God in a miraculous manner. A second illustration is that of the household of Cornelius. In the second illustration "the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the Word" (Acts 10:44 RSV). While it seems that the hearing of the word was a condition of the reception, there was no mention of a seeking of the Spirit in a direct manner. There were ministrations of the Holy Spirit that were given to a select number according to the will and purpose of God (see Hebrews 2:2-4; I Corinthians 12:3-11).

A second way in which the Holy Spirit was given in the New Testament was through the laying on of the Apostles' hands (see Acts 8:14-19). There are several important considerations in this passage. First, the reception of the Holy Spirit did depend upon certain human actions.

A third way in which the Holy Spirit came was as a result of one's response in faith to Christ (see Acts 5:32; I Corinthians 12:3). This seems to be a promise to be given to those who respond to Christ (Acts 2:38). While we are born of the Spirit, we need to be "fed" and nurtured. According to Acts 5:32—if the Spirit is given "to all who obey him," then we need to study to know what He would have us do. Likewise, we need to pray, and to fellowship with God's people. We read that those who had heard and obeyed "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers" (Acts 2:42 RSV).

6. Our worship, Bible study, prayers, and fellowship should not be done in a mechanical fashion, but with a real sense of relationship to Christ and to our fellowmen. Our Christian life is more of a mission than a task. Christ's presence as the Holy Spirit is promised to us as we seek to fulfill that task (see Matthew 28:19,20).

But how can we know that we have the Spirit of Christ or the Holy Spirit? The problem for most of us as Christians is not whether or not the Holy Spirit leads man, but rather to know *when* He does. Not every impulse of the Christian is a moving of the Spirit. Sometimes such impulses may be our own self-centered desires, rather than any real Christian motive. Is there an objective criterion by which to judge the nature of the motivating power? Four ideas may be helpful at this point.

First, the Spirit of God will not lead us to do that which is contrary to God's Word. If a man said that he was led by the Spirit of God to divorce his wife for any other reason than unfaithfulness, this could not be the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Second, the Spirit of God will never lead me to harm a brother or disrupt the fellowship of His people. One of the fruits of the Spirit is love; therefore, anything contrary to this is not of the Holy Spirit.

A third test would be that God will not lead me to do that which He does not provide me the opportunity to accomplish. God's providence does not work contrary to the moving of the Holy Spirit.

A fourth objective norm would be that God's Spirit would not lead me to do that which He has not given me the ability and power to do. While it is true that the Spirit does enable us to use the potential that we have beyond that which is otherwise possible, yet the Spirit would not motivate one contrary to the gifts that God has given him.

It should always be remembered that we are not judged by the gifts of the Spirit, but rather the fruit of the Spirit (see I Corinthians 12 and 13; Galatians 5:22,23).

Hymn Study

It may add interest to the meeting to see how many hymns in your church hymnal refer to the Holy Spirit or the Trinity. Many of the ancient hymns of praise contained at least one stanza referring to the Trinity. See such hymns as: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today; Holy, Holy, Holy; On Our Way Rejoicing; O Day of Rest and Gladness; Father, We Praise Thee.*

Symbol Interpretation

The symbol on the bottom of page 21 represents both the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. The flames on either side are symbolic of the Holy Spirit's descent on the disciples gathered in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost.

Both the *trefoil* and the *triangle* represent the triune God. The equal sizes of the *trefoil* and the *triangle* indicate the equality, the eternity, and the unity of the three Persons of the Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 22 Indwelling of Spirit Ezekiel 36:25-27
T. Nov. 23 Spirit of Truth John 14:15-17
W. Nov. 24 In the Spirit Romans 8:1-9
T. Nov. 25 God's Spirit Within I Corinthians 3:1-16
F. Nov. 26 Outpouring Promised Zechariah 12:1-10
S. Nov. 27 Christ the Giver Mark 3:1-11
Sun. Nov. 28—Topic: Power-Packed Christians Acts 1

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Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for November

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Timothy J. Kribs, chairman; Rev. R. P. Carter, Wanna Sell, and Mrs. Roger D. Vander Kolk.

Public Worship (two topics)

1. "Praise Ye the Lord"

Psalm 146; Ephesians 5:1,2,19,20; Revelation 4:10,11; 5:11-13

The great central act of the Church's life is when it gathers to praise the Lord God for all that He is and is doing. Worship is an offering of praise to God; a renewing of our trust in Him and our obedience to His will; a seeking of His continuing mercy and forgiveness; and an offering of thanksgiving. In worship our gaze is directed primarily toward God, rather than towards our own needs, problems, and desires. The result of this kind of worship will actually be of more help to us personally because we have placed God Himself at the center of our attention. Begin the meeting with a brief discussion period, asking the members to express what the central meaning of worship is for them. Follow this with a study of the order of worship used in your church, or those used in other churches; note the various parts or elements in the service.

2. Equipment for Service

Luke 4:16-32; Ephesians 4:11-16

We have seen how the central fact of worship is the praise of God. This is not a means to an end; it is an end in itself. Christians worship because "worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive . . . glory and honor" (Revelation 5:12,13). When we worship God aright, our worship renews our life in Christ and strengthens and equips us for His service. This meeting should explore how worship and Bible study contribute in an essential way to our Christian life. How does God meet our personal needs through the various parts of the service of worship? How are we equipped for His service by our worshiping together? Ask the minister to speak briefly about the reading of the Bible and the sermon in public worship, suggesting what worshipers should look for, and how we can listen more effectively to gain more help for our day-to-day service as Christians.

Local Benevolence (two topics)

1. Who's Knocking?

Mark 7:24-30; Matthew 25:34-40

All of us should be thankful that we live in a country where we can worship, work, and live comfortably. Many people do not have this wonderful opportunity. However, even in our land we have people who are less fortunate than others. There are some who will not work for a living and there are others who are not able to make a living. Some of these may knock at our door—how shall we consider them? Are we too busy, like the innkeeper in Bethlehem, that we cannot share a portion of our love, time, or possessions with them? Often our richest blessings are near us but we are unaware of them. Is anything being done for the retarded children of our area? Could more be done? Does the church have any responsibility for clean recreational activities for the youth of our area? Many overseas students are in our nation; does our Christian Endeavor society ever provide a pleasant weekend for them? The approaching holiday season is an ideal time to start expressing an interest in these less fortunate and lonely around us; remember to make this a year-round concern.

2. Conflict of Loyalties

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; Proverbs 22:1-6

Christians find it not too difficult to decide between right and wrong, good and evil, but there may be difficulty in deciding how far loyalties to good causes must extend. There are many good, valuable, and worthwhile community projects and organizations that demand time and support. The church calendar is full for almost every night. There are also meetings of P.-T.A., the Red Cross, Civil Defense, fund drives, Scouts, etc. The question is, "Where does one draw the line?" Can a church or community ever become overloaded in its activities for good? Survey your church program and see what are the most important and essential obligations. Problem: Ronnie is 15 years old and very active in church and school. His parents and 12-year-old sister Sue are also much engaged in church, school, and community activities. All are good causes. Recently it dawned upon Ronnie that, as a family, they hadn't been home together for an evening in more than two months. He feels he is being cheated. How would you help him if he were your son? Do you feel the church or good community causes ever contribute to delinquency?

TOPICS FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH

Young Adult and Adult groups, like Christian Endeavor societies for the younger ages, need to plan ahead. Leaders for weekly meetings should be selected in ample time for careful preparation. Here are the topics which will appear in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD for use by Young Adult and Adult societies during the months of January through March 1966.

Devotional Life (two topics)

1. **Conversing with God**—Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 18:1-14; 23:44-46 (developing meaningful prayer life)
2. **God's Word to Us**—Matthew 15:1-9 (how the Word brings us to a knowledge of God)

Stewardship (two topics)

1. **Our Response to God's Goodness**—Psalm 116; I Corinthians 6:19,20 (responsible Christian living)
2. **Beyond Tithing**—I Corinthians 16:1,2; II Corinthians 8:1-15 (stewardship of all of life)

Christian Endeavor (two topics)

1. **In Retrospect**—Acts 7; Romans 15:4-7 (a study of past accomplishments)
2. **A Fourth "Inter"**—John 21:15-17; I John 1:6,7 (developing inter-society activity)

Overcoming Prejudices (three topics)

1. **National Prejudices**—James 2:1-13; Joshua 7; Proverbs 14:34 (how to pattern attitudes after those of Christ)
2. **The Powerful Minority** — Exodus 14:5-31; Philippians 4:13 (the power of the individual in the fight against prejudice)
3. **Anti-Poverty**—Matthew 16:26; 26:6-13; Luke 12:13-31; James 2:1-13 (the Christian's responsibility toward poverty)

Observance of the Lord's Day (two topics)

1. **Day of Introspect**—Exodus 31:12-17; Philippians 4:8-13 (making the Lord's Day meaningful)
2. **Bold in Doing His Bidding**—Acts 13:44-52; Exodus 16:22-30 (using Christian boldness to combat Sunday commercialism)

Music in the Church (two topics)

1. **Let Us Sing**—Psalm 48; Ephesians 5:18-20 (a study of the music of the church)
2. **Blessed Music**—Psalm 81; Mark 14:22-26 (the place of music in worship)

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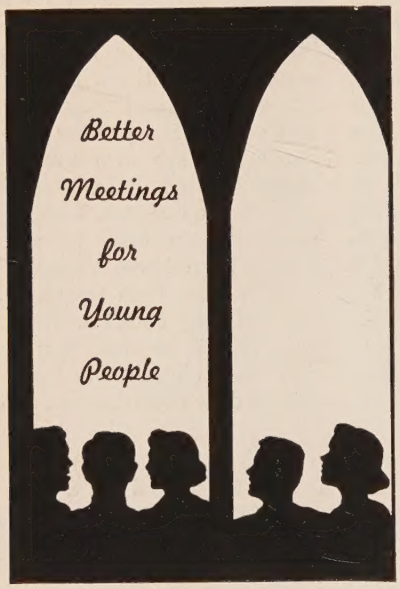

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